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Iran halts crude exports to Western consortium

TEHRAN, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Iran's new government Wednesday said it would discontinue the marketing of its oil exports through an international consortium.



ANTI-ISRAEL: An oil worker reads notices at the board of Abadan refinery, one of the biggest in the world, while at left an anti-Israel sign reading "Down with Zionism." Oil will flow out of Iran again soon, but exports to Israel and South Africa will not be resumed. (AP wirephoto)

NIOC would only deal with international oil companies on an individual basis.

Under the Shah, the British-led consortium marketed 80 per cent of the 5.4 million barrels of oil Iran exported daily.

British Petroleum held a 40 per cent share of the consortium followed by Exxon with 35 per cent. Other members included Dutch Shell, French Petroleum, and a group of

medium-sized American companies.

Nazib had announced Tuesday that Iran would resume exporting oil — for the first time since Dec. 26 — on March 5. He said the new daily level of Iran's production would be announced after the first tanker is loaded with crude at the Kharg Island terminal on the Gulf Monday.

There has been speculation that Iran's new government, in an attempt to conserve its oil reserves, would keep future exports under three million barrels a day, or about half the old amount.

Oil industry sources have estimated that the cut-off of Iranian oil has cost the country \$7.2 billion in lost payments.

In London, meanwhile, there was no official reaction from the offices of the companies which made up the consortium.

Oil industry sources said, however, that several large British oil companies have begun to ration supplies of petroleum products to dealers.

And the companies were said to be studying plans for drastic cuts in oil consumption as a result of the Iranian announcement.

Iran said Tuesday that in the future it will sell oil at spot market prices, which have ranged up to \$20 a barrel in recent weeks.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, the daily newspaper "Al-Rai Al-Aam" said that country has raised its daily oil production from two million barrels a day to 2.5 million.

The newspaper, quoting oil ministry sources, said the increase was made to meet the needs of nations affected by the shortages caused by the Iranian situation.

There was no official confirmation of the report.

And in Mexico City, an official of Pemex, the national oil company, said Mexico has no plans to raise its crude prices to match higher prices announced by Venezuela, Libya, and Kuwait Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia and Iraq have said they will not raise prices pending a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Geneva March 26.

In Washington the Carter Administration said Tuesday that it expects the price of a gallon of gasoline to go up about 10 cents a gallon this year.

The forecast was made as the administration proposed energy conservation legislation that includes a standby gasoline rationing plan.



SCHOLARS: King Khaled honors Muslim scholars Wednesday. (SPA)

King honors scholars

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — King Khaled Wednesday attended the function held by the Secretariat of King Faisal International Award and handed prizes to the laureates at the Intercontinental Hotel here.

The King Faisal International Prize for the Service of Islam was awarded to Sheikh Abdul Ala Al-Mawdoudi of Pakistan and the King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies was awarded to Dr. Fuad Sezgin of Turkey.

The King Faisal International Prize for Arab Literature was not awarded to anyone as the works submitted for the competition were not of a sufficiently high standard.

King Khaled handed the first prize to Sheikh Khalil Ahmad Al-Hamdi and one of the sons of Sheikh Mawdoudi as the recipient could not attend personally because of ill health.

The King gave the prize for Islamic studies to Dr. Sezgin who, offered the King a copy of his book, King Khaled then ordered that the book be translated into Arabic at his personal expense.

In his opening address, Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, director general of the King Faisal

Philanthropic Foundation and chairman of the board of the King Faisal International Prize dealt with the activities and projects of the foundation. These included the establishment of an international library in Riyadh, the setting up of an international studies and research center in Al-Der'ya for the use of solar energy and the King Faisal International Award itself.

Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Al-Dabib, secretary general of the King Faisal International Award, said that the laureate Abdul Ala Al-Mawdoudi had dedicated his life to serious Islamic research and produced several works. He played a leading role in reviving Islamic thought and strove to revive the spirit and values of Islam.

He added that the other prize was awarded to Dr. Sezgin, one of the contemporary authorities on Arab-Islamic heritage, for his remarkable studies entitled the "History of Arab Heritage" in which he dealt with Muslim scientists in medicine, philosophy, biology, chemistry, agriculture, botany and mathematics.

Hussein meets Kaddoumi

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (AP) — A Palestinian delegation led by Harouk Kaddoumi, head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, met Wednesday with King Hussein.

An official statement said the two sides reviewed recent events in the region and ways of resuming cooperation and establishing better understanding between Jordan and the PLO.

The PLO delegation arrived in Amman Tuesday at the invitation of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, it said.

The two sides agreed on a reconciliation at the Arab summit meeting in Baghdad, last November.

The statement said the two sides also discussed the future visit to Jordan by PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

It was Kaddoumi's first visit to Jordan since 1971 when Palestinian commandos were pushed out of their positions in Jordan after fighting between them and the Jordanian army.

Kaddoumi and Ibrahim held talks Tuesday. They were described by the PLO's official spokesman Abdel-Mohsen Abu Maizar as "brotherly and cordial."

Kaddoumi has just concluded a tour of several European countries.

Abu Maizar said the Jordanian and PLO delegations briefed each other on their current positions regarding political action at international and Arab level in the light of the Palestinian situation in Damascus last month.

The general belief here was that the talks were a resumption of the dialogue on rapprochement which began two years ago. But spokesmen for both sides said they had nothing to do with the dialogue and had merely related to joint political action.

Khaled, Arafat hold talks

Army leave canceled; League meeting set

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — The government Wednesday canceled all leave for its armed forces and was reported to have decided on the recall of all its 4,500 troops in Lebanon.

The two developments came as fighting continued between North Yemen and its leftist neighbor, South Yemen.

Saudi Arabia has proposed a peace plan to end the conflict between the two Yemens, which have been locked in a protracted political feud.

The official Saudi Press Agency said the country's Defense and Aviation Ministry Wednesday ordered all officers and men on leave to return to their units immediately.

Saudi Arabia had also decided to withdraw all officers and men serving with the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon, the Mecca-based "An-Nadwa" newspaper reported.

In its statement canceling leave, the Saudi Defense Ministry cited "the present circumstances" as the reason for the move.

Meanwhile chairman of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, held talks with King Khaled on arrival from Kuwait Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by First Deputy Premier Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, and Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal.

Earlier foreign ministers of Kuwait and Bahrain Sheikh Sabah al Ahmed and Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mubarak al Khalifa said their talks in Riyadh with Prince Saud al Faisal "were fruitful."

The two foreign ministers were speaking before leaving for home Wednesday and after a short visit to Saudi Arabia during which the Yemeni crisis was discussed.

An emergency meeting of the Arab League Council will be held in Kuwait on Sunday to consider the Yemen situation.

League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad said here that a large number of Arab foreign ministers had told him they would attend the council meeting.

Riad said he hoped the two Yemens would respond to appeals by Arab countries for a ceasefire before the session.

Earlier the ruler of Kuwait



TALKS: King Khaled meets the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat who arrived in Riyadh Wednesday for talks. (SPA)

Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah conferred Wednesday with Yasser Arafat, who arrived Tuesday night from Damascus.

Officials said Arafat told Sheikh Jaber of the outcome of his visit to Iran where he had talks with Ayatollah Khomeini. (Continued on back page)

Tribesmen mobilize

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — North Yemeni tribesmen have been mobilized to help the country's armed forces beat back invading South Yemeni forces, travelers from North Yemen said Wednesday.

The travelers, who declined to be identified, told "Arab News" that the tribesmen are acting under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah Ibn Hussein Al-Ahmar, paramount chief of the Hashed tribal confederation — the nation's largest tribal group.

The sources said Sheikh Al-Ahmar is commanding several hundred thousand tribesmen, about 200,000 of whom are seasoned veterans of the Yemeni civil war of 1962-1968.

Most of the tribesmen are armed with light weapons, but some are carrying armor-piercing missiles and portable rockets, the travelers added.

They said Sheikh Al-Ahmar has left his mountain stronghold in Khemar, north of Sanaa, and is on his way to the border, where the fighting is heaviest.

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Khalil excluded

Begin to see Carter

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Israel's cabinet Wednesday authorized Prime Minister Menachem Begin to meet President Jimmy Carter in Washington and Begin said he had "no intention" of seeing Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil.

But Begin left room for a possible meeting with President Anwar Sadat if Carter invites Sadat later.

"It's not that I don't like Khalil," Begin said after a cabinet meeting, but Sadat, not Khalil, was Egypt's chief executive.

But if Sadat "will be in the United States, and a proposal is made that I should meet him, why should I refuse?" Begin said.

In Alexandria, Khalil Wednesday reaffirmed Egypt's belief that the peace process could continue if Begin were "reasonable enough."

"I would like to reaffirm that we believe peace is possible," he said.

He refused to say if Sadat would agree to join the forthcoming talks between Carter and Begin. But he would go himself if invited.

Khalil rejected the criticism of Israeli leaders who claimed Cairo had stiffened its stance.

"We have presented nothing that is contrary to the Camp David accords," he said.

September, when Carter called Begin and Sadat to his Maryland mountain retreat, he said.

"We presented nothing new," But Begin said Wednesday great issues still blocked the way to any peace treaty. He warned he would reject any pressure that might be applied in his coming meeting with Carter.

Two ADF men wounded

Shelling kills four in east Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R) — A woman and her son were killed and three other family members wounded as shelling resumed at dawn Wednesday of the east Beirut suburb of Ras Dekwaneh, the right-wing Phalangist radio reported.

Lebanese military sources said an army lieutenant and his wife were killed when their car was hit by a shell when the artillery bombardment of the district began Tuesday night.

Two Syrian soldiers serving with the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) were also reported wounded and a number of houses and cars destroyed.

The ADF and Lebanese right-wing militia blamed each other Tuesday night for opening fire in the eastern suburb.

The rightists said Syrian troops serving with the ADF opened sporadic artillery fire for about two hours Tuesday in the district, killing one man in his car and wounding eight others, including a Lebanese army lieutenant. Five houses and 12 cars were also destroyed.

The rightists denied having shelled the peacekeepers, adding that they were abiding by a U.N. ceasefire call made several months ago.

Meanwhile an advance unit of around 75 Dutch soldiers attached to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) Wednesday took over positions in South Lebanon near Haris village controlled by French

troops who are due to leave on March 15.

Some 700 Dutch officers and men will replace the French based in the village.

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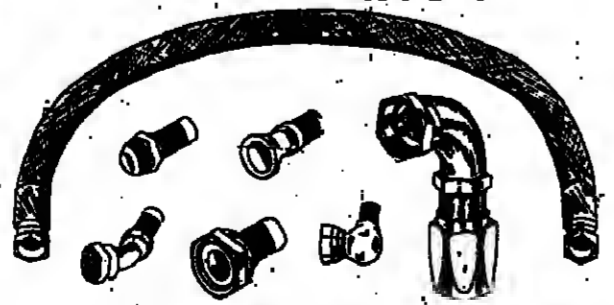
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Chad ceasefire shows signs of breaking down

N'DJAMENA, Chad, Feb. 28 (R) — The French embassy urged the few remaining French families in Chad to leave the country as a fragile ceasefire in the civil war shows signs of breaking down. Paris announced Tuesday it prepared to help to set up a round-table conference of all sides in the Chad conflict.

ATO leader ges cash r Turkey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — Gen. Alexander Haig, FO's supreme commander Europe, said Tuesday Turkey economic troubles could all other problems in the world and the country badly need funds, according to the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. Gen. Haig immediate international was needed for the strategically important nation on Turkey's southeastern flank. They need cash, he said.

ce would guarantee the safety of all participants.

Tension in N'Djamena is rising following reports of bloody fighting in the central region of the country between supporters of President Felix Malloum and rebel Prime Minister Hissene Habre.

Eyewitness reports said at least 1,000 people had died in clashes which erupted between the two factions 10 days ago.

But there has been no major fighting in the capital since the ceasefire was arranged 12 days ago, after a week of fierce clashes between the forces of Malloum and Habre in which some 500 people died.

There was sporadic shooting in the capital Monday, and the streets of N'Djamena were deserted Tuesday. Banks and shops closed and foreigners were fleeing in the hundreds.

According to the eyewitness the fighting in the central province was followed by summary executions of Sara tribesmen who are loyal to the president.

Thousands of Saras began moving out of the capital Monday after an anonymous warning that they should leave N'Djamena where Habre's forces staged a coup attempt two weeks ago.

The fighting in N'Djamena and central Chad followed the coup attempt. Prior to that the government had been fighting a prolonged war with Libyan-backed rebels in the north of the country.

Meanwhile, official sources said in N'Djamena that representatives of the various warring factions had been invited to a meeting in Kano, Nigeria, under the auspices of a conciliation commission of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

An Organization of African Unity conciliation commission was set up at the Khartoum meeting of African heads of state last year to settle a dispute between Chad and Libya, which has been occupying a strip of Chad territory since 1972.



ROYAL WELCOME: King Taisi'ahan Tsipon IV (left) of Tonga in the South Pacific was met at Tripoli Airport Sunday by Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Salam Jalloud.

Martial law unbiased, Turkish general says

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (R) — Turkey's top military commander has rejected right-wing claims that the government was interfering in the implementation of martial law.

Chief of Staff Gen. Kenan Evren said there was no interference from any quarter in the functions of the six military commanders responsible for the 13 provinces under martial law.

In a long statement seen as a show of support for the Social Democrat government of Premier Bulent Ecevit, Gen. Evren rebuked the right-wing press for their allegations that martial law was being enacted less harshly on left-wing suspects than on rightists.

Gen. Evren disclosed that the military courts in the provinces now under martial law

had 5,139 cases before them.

This constituted an adequate answer to claims that martial law had not been effective within the first two months, he said.

The main opposition right-wing Justice Party of former Premier Suleyman Demirel last week voted against an extension of martial law, saying Ecevit had "watered it down" with civilian interference.

Parliament, however, passed a two-month extension of the law at the request of Ecevit's government.

Ecevit initially imposed martial law last Dec. 26 for the maximum period of two months, under Turkish law, after three days of bloody rioting in the south which left more than 100 people dead.

Queen Elizabeth's yacht sails into Muscat

MUSCAT, Feb. 28 (R) — Queen Elizabeth arrived Wednesday in Oman, which shares an uneasy frontier with South Yemen, on the last call of her 19-day Middle East tour.

The present clashes between North and South Yemen and the fall of the Shah is causing concern in Oman, and will be major topics in talks here between officials and Minister of State and Foreign Office Frank Judd, who is now with the Queen as minister-in-attendance after Foreign Minister David Owen's return to London.

Washington slices aid to Afghans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — President Jimmy Carter is cutting economic aid to Afghanistan from \$15 million to \$3 million this year following the killing of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs, a State Department official has announced.

Joseph Wheeler, assistant administrator for Near East aid, said Tuesday that 1980 aid to Afghanistan would also be cut, from \$17 million dollars to \$5 million.

He said the decision was taken because of concern over relations with Afghanistan following the death of Dubs on Feb. 14.

Dubs was kidnapped by four unidentified guerrillas later killed in a gun battle between the kidnapers and Afghan police. The United States issued a strong protest to Afghanistan and to the Soviet Union over the killing, saying its urgent plea that officials try to negotiate for Dubs' release were ignored.

"The circumstances surrounding the death of Ambassador Dubs reinforce our concerns," Wheeler told the House of Representatives Asian Subcommittee.

The Shah sent some 3,500 troops to Oman to help quell rebellions in Dhofar province, bordering South Yemen, between 1970 and 1975.

Most troops were withdrawn before the Shah fell, but the end of Iran's role as "policeman" of the Gulf area is making Oman very nervous.

Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has

denied reports from Cairo that 500 Egyptian troops have been sent here to counter any danger of renewed insurgency.

Western diplomats in Muscat said they had seen no evidence of Egyptian troops and added that Dhofar was quiet.

Several hundred Britons serve with the Omani armed forces, which number 13,488

and are commanded by Sultan Qaboos, 38, a graduate of Britain's Sandhurst Royal Military Academy.

The Sultan, who overthrew his father in 1973 also served in one of Britain's toughest infantry regiments — the Cameronians.

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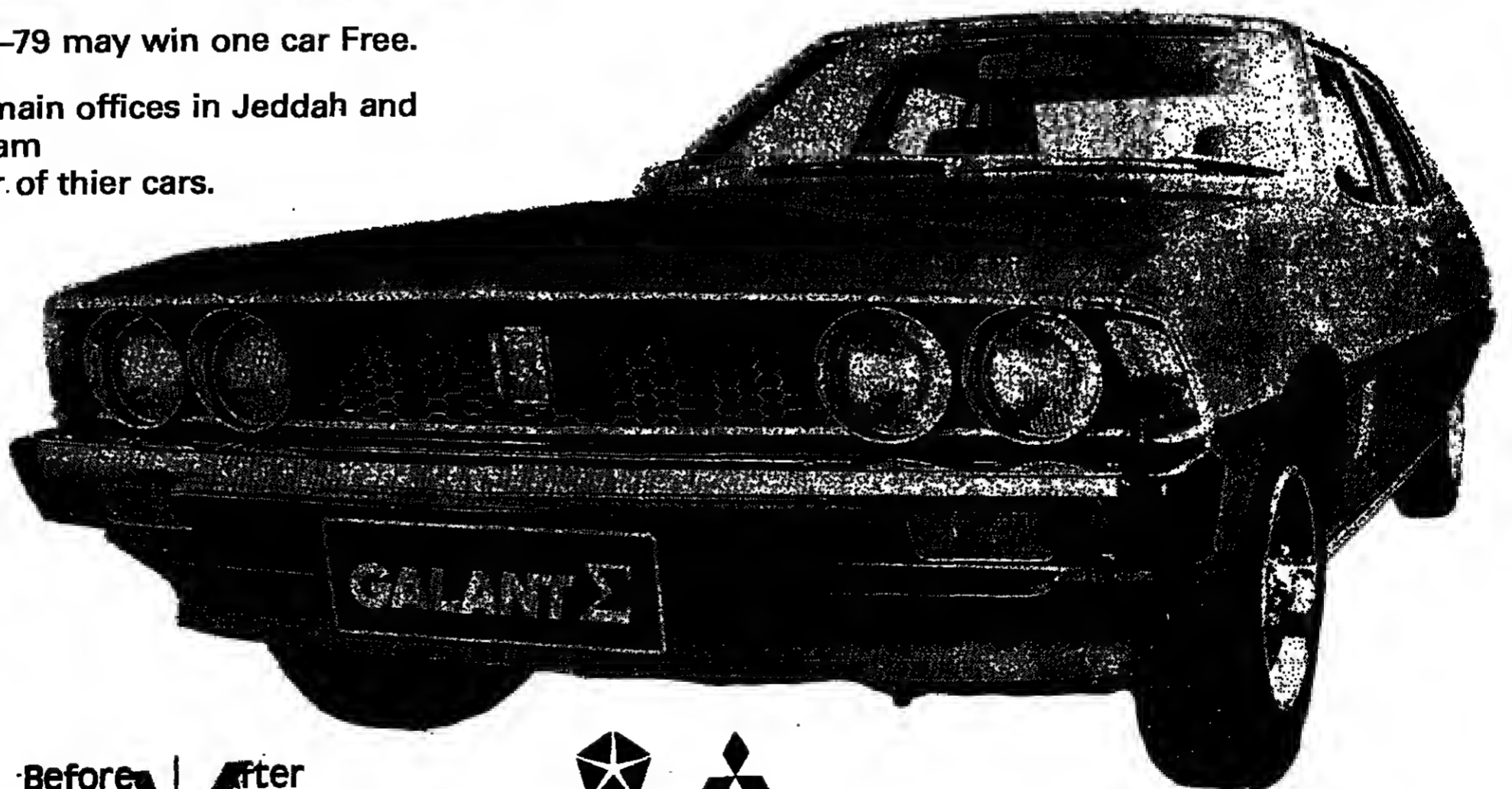
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Bombing refugee camp

Rhodesian jets killed 192, Angola says

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Angolan authorities said Wednesday Rhodesian bombers killed 192 people and injured 517 in a raid on a black refugee camp deep inside Angola, the official ANGOP news agency reported.

The raid, on Monday, was Rhodesia's deepest in black Africa and its first in Angola. Salisbury said the raid was made on the main training

camp for the Zambian-based Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army ZIPRA of Patriotic Front alliance joint leader Joshua Nkomo.

The Rhodesian Canberra bombers flew about 1,000 kilometers from base.

ANGOP said this latest casualty toll was given to a government delegation and reporters who visited the area at Boma, 30 kilometers from Luena, capital

of the eastern Angolan province of Moxico.

Earlier a long communique issued by the political bureau of Angola's MPLA denouncing what it called the "cowardly and barbarous criminal aggression" had said over 160 people were killed and 500 were injured in the raid.

The MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) said 14 of the dead were Angolans, but provincial authorities later gave the figure for Angolan dead as five.

An Angolan armed forces statement quoted by ANGOP said the attack was carried out by five Mirage fighter bombers from the Rhodesian Air Force. It said they followed the line of the Benguela Railway after violating Zambian air space and came in low over the camp after cutting their motors temporarily in an attempt to evade anti-aircraft fire.

The statement said Angolan defense batteries round the camp opened fire but did not know if any of the raiders was hit.

ANGOP said 60 unexploded bombs were still in the camp and visiting reporters said a school restaurant appeared to have been the building most badly hit.

The seriously wounded were airlifted to hospitals in Luanda. And the exodus of whites from embattled Rhodesia ebbed in January despite threats of an escalation in the six-year guerrilla war and uncertainty under a promised black-led government in April.

Travel agents say many whites unnerved by the mounting conflict or unwilling to live under limited black majority rule have already "taken the

chicken run" as emigration here is called.

Most of the remaining 230,000 whites are anxiously waiting to see what the future holds for them.

"The racialists and the gutless have mainly all taken off," one travel agent said. "The hard core, who are prepared to fight on and live under black rule, are adopting a wait and see attitude."

The net loss of whites in January was 1,073, the lowest since July last year when the country lost 1,111 settlers, according to official figures published by the Central Statistical Office Tuesday.

Rhodesia's white rulers adjourn final parliament

SALISBURY, Feb. 28 (R) — Rhodesia's white-dominated parliament, symbol to so many for so long of minority racial supremacy, officially died Wednesday aged 56.

The House of Assembly was due to adjourn Wednesday afternoon and 50 white and 10 black members were to leave to await the result of one-man, one-vote elections in April.

When parliament resumes after the polling among an estimated 90,000 white and three million black voters, the content of the House will be practically reversed with 72 blacks outnumbering 28 whites.

Only an emergency could bring the old white supremacist parliament back to life before the election, such as drastic deterioration in the war between the bi-racial transitional government and the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.

The Senate, comprising 13 whites and 10 blacks, will continue for a few days to tidy up outstanding legislation.

The Rhodesian Front leader of the house, Jack Mussett, will make a short speech on the history of the Rhodesian parliament before the end, officials said.

Rhodesia, founded in 1890 with the arrival of the first British pioneers, formed its first parliament in 1923 when it became a self-governing colony.

The first few blacks were allowed into the House in 1962. The 1969 constitution drawn up by the Rhodesian Front Party of Premier Ian Smith increased the black representation to 16 seats. In 1981 black militants started civil rights disturbances aimed at securing majority rule for the country's 6.8 million blacks who now outnumber whites by 27-to-one.



STRIKE: Ancillary workers at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children went on a three-day strike over a wage claim Monday. Although there seems little hope of such public workers settling in the immediate future, leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers have voted to accept a pay offer of some nine per cent. AP photo.

U.K. mine union leaders accept 9 per cent rise

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — The executive of the 258,000-member National Union of Mineworkers voted 15-10 Tuesday night to accept an offer from the state-run National Coal Board. The offer is worth \$145 million over 12 months from March 1.

The offer will add about nine per cent to pay packets, rising to 12 per cent with incentive payments. The norm for pay increase in state industry is around nine per cent as part of its anti-inflation policy.

The miners were asking for up to 30 per cent more pay. However, a negotiator forecast earnings will "go into orbit" next year as a result of the settlement. He said the increases, spread over a period, will be consolidated into basic rates, thereby boosting overtime and other premiums.

A coal-face worker now gets a basic \$150.88 a week. The miners brought down the Conservative government in 1974 with a strike for more pay that caused a power shortage and put the country on a three-day working week.

Their leaders will decide tomorrow whether to put the Coal Board offer to their members in a pithead ballot, but even if they do they will probably recommend acceptance.

The development gives the government hope that with similar deals it can keep other powerful groups, like the railwaymen and electricity supply workers, in line on pay.

Carter's sister charged for musical enthusiasm

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 28 (R) — President Carter's sister Gloria has been charged with disorderly conduct after an incoherent display of her skill on the harmonica.

Gloria Carter Spann, 52, upset the diners in a Plains restaurant when she struck up with more than a few noisy tunes and police were called in.

Mrs. Spann said the son of some friends asked her to play. "I was ready to quit before I got started but once I got started I was unstoppable, even at the police station."

Husband Walter, a Georgia farmer, said the whole thing was a joke but his wife appeared in court to face charge.

Carter's brother Billy, more usual source of entertainment at the White House, was taken to hospital in Athens, Georgia, at the week's end after suffering from what his doctors said was bronchitis, the adverse effects of a strenuous travel schedule.

Carter told a coveys on once Tuesday: "Billy is brother, he is seriously ill this point. I love him."

As he left, Carter was asked if he played the harmonica. "no, but some of my friends do," he replied.

12th Duke offers Iona Scots island up for sale

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — The Scottish island of Iona, is up for sale.

It is being sold by the 12th Duke of Argyll to meet death duties and realtors think the price could be at least \$2 million.

The 2,500-acre island, 3½ miles by 1½ miles, lies in the Inner Hebrides in the Atlantic Ocean, a mile from the larger

island of Mull and 37 miles west of the port of Oban on the mainland. The parish includes a 3,000-acre estate across the channel in Mull, included in the deal.

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Socialists tipped as runners-up in Spanish election

MADRID, Feb. 28 (R) — The campaign for Thursday's Spanish general election closed with opinion polls predicting that Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez's Democratic Center Union (UCD) will gain a narrow victory over the Socialists but not obtain an absolute majority in the Congress (lower house of parliament).

The elections are the first since Spain adopted a new democratic constitution last December and only the second free parliamentary polls since the 1936-39 Civil War.

Radio City Hall relieved from demolition crew

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (R) — Radio City Music Hall, America's largest and most famous theater, will end its 47-year tradition of daily film and stage shows starring the Rockette dance troupe on April 2, but will remain open on a part-time basis, its owners have announced.

The 6,200-seat theater has long been threatened with closure and Tuesday's announcement meant that the building, considered a classic of the 1930's Art Deco design, will not be pulled down.

Alton Marshall, the music hall's chairman, said a new company would be formed to produce family-type entertainments and to keep the music hall open on a part-time basis. But he did not specify what kind of production would be created.

Radio City lost about \$2.4 million in 1978 and some \$14 million since 1969. Attendance dwindled from a high of five million in 1967 to two million in 1977.

Rockefeller Center, Radio City's owner, announced last April that the hall would close because of increasing financial losses.

But a complicated plan including financing by the state and Rockefeller Center kept the hall open for a year.

In his last televised campaign speech, Suarez appealed for a majority, saying the alternative was "a period of uncertainty, question marks and ambiguities."

Suarez needs 176 seats to control the 350-seat Congress — 10 more than the UCD won in the last elections in June 1977.

The prime minister delivered a broadside against the Socialists, accusing them of disguising their Marxist origins and favoring abortion, a collectivist economy and state control of education.

Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, speaking immediately before Suarez, said only the Socialists were capable of tackling the country's main problems, unemployment, which affects over a million people.

The Socialists won 118 seats in the last elections but are expected to increase their tally Thursday. The third-placed party, according to opinion polls, is the Communist Party led by Santiago Carrillo.

Carrillo, closing his campaign before 20,000 people in a Madrid building, said the UCD and the PSOE were the same option. He called for a broad coalition government including the Communists.

As the campaign closed to allow voters a day of reflection Wednesday, riot police intervened to stop fights between rival party militants in Madrid and the northern city of Leon.

A steward was stabbed at a meeting in Madrid of the right-wing Democratic Coalition (CD) party headed by former Franco-era minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne.

In Leon, neo-Fascists attacked a group of Socialist and five people were arrested.

But there was no serious outbreak of violence.

Police threw up road blocks around Madrid after reports that an army major had been kidnapped by a masked man. But the "kidnapper" turned out to be the major's son whom he was driving to a masked carnival dance.



NEW ORLEANS: Bourbon Street in the heart of the French Quarter gets a cleaning in preparation for Mardi Gras. Tuesday night, one of the smallest crowds in years began the celebrations.

New Orleans opens meager Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28 (AP) — One of the smallest crowds in years celebrated Mardi Gras in the French Quarter on Tuesday, as a 12-day-old police strike that stripped the holiday of its elaborate parades sent thousands of revelers to the suburbs.

While some held a mock Jazz funeral for Mardi Gras in front of St. Louis Cathedral, National Guardsmen and state police, many of them seeing the holiday for the first time, patrolled the area in the absence of the striking city officers.

"I hereby declare Mardi Gras 1979 to be officially dead," shouted New Orleans Coroner Frank Minyard, standing atop a coffin labelled "Bad Spirits." "And I officially open Mardi Gras 1980 now."

It was a brush moment of carnival in the midst of the annual street party in the French Quarter.

The police strike has turned this into one of the emptiest of carnivals in the 261-year history of New Orleans.

It is also one faced with a lingering bitterness. Monday the City Council took out a full-page newspaper advertisement urging the policemen to hold a secret ballot on the continuation of the strike. The Police Association of Louisiana scoffed at the request.

Sect hijackers captured in mid-air fight

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28 (R) — Extremists of a mystic Indian sect who use self-immolation to attract world attention posed a new threat to air travellers Wednesday after the hijacking of a Soviet plane.

Two women and a man, identified as members of the Ananda Marga sect, were charged with hijacking late Tuesday night after they attempted to set the plane on fire halfway between Oslo and Stockholm.

Swedish police said the hijackers — a 42-year-old Brazilian woman, a West German woman of 22 and a 27-year-old Swedish man — were overpowered in a mid-air fight by Soviet security guards and passengers. The hijackers were not named.

The police said they were at first baffled by the apparent absence of a motive for the hijacking, but later it was assumed the three were trying to draw attention to the cult.

Member of the Ananda Marga (Path of Eternal Bliss) sect have been involved in a number of incidents around the world in recent years, including suicide by fire.

Police said the hijackers had attended a sect course in Norway and on the way to Stockholm had tried to set the aircraft ablaze by pouring petrol on the floor. The man was said to have attempted to throw a petrol bomb into the cockpit, but was overpowered.

Gunman sprays Louisiana town

WINFIELD, La. Feb. 28 (AP) — A man with a rifle drove through this small central Louisiana town for a quarter-hour Tuesday, killing two and wounding three others, including a child, police said. Glen Roy, 39, was arrested and was being questioned about the shootings, police said. No charges were filed and police said they knew of no motive.

cockpit, but was overpowered.

The pilot radioed an alert to Stockholm's Arlanda Airport and police, fire engines and ambulances were standing by when the aeroflot TU 154, carrying 34 passengers and crew, touched down.

The sect, which says it has five million members, was founded by Prabhakar Ranjan Srikar who was released from

jail in India last August following his acquittal of a murder conspiracy charge. He had spent seven years in prison.

Ananda Marga's roots are in Hinduism and the movement's beliefs include Yoga,

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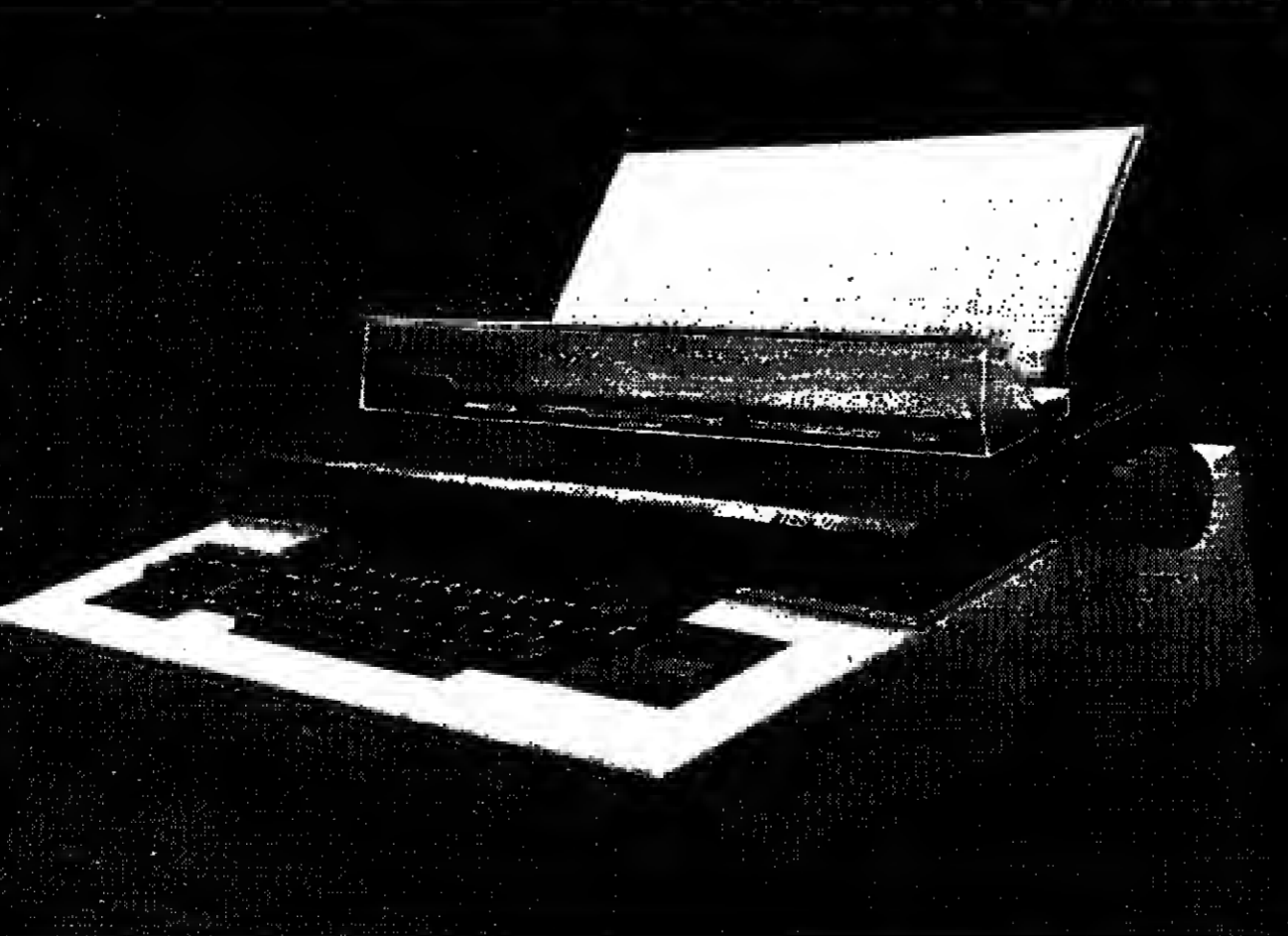
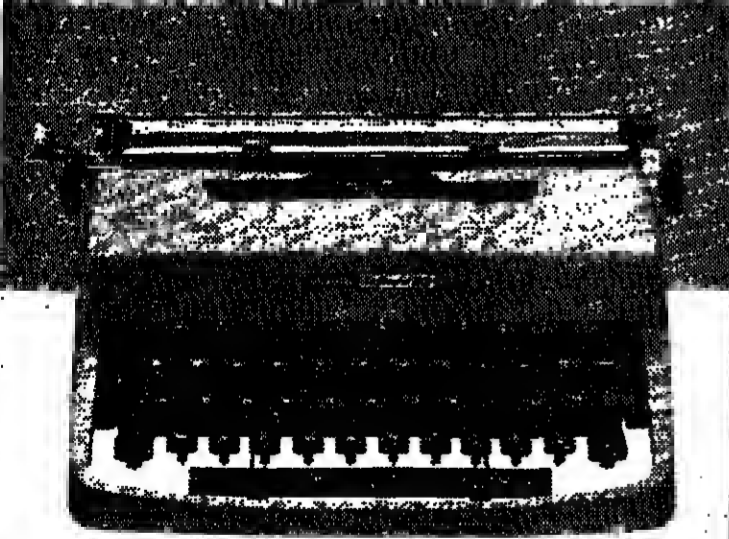
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A difficult task

North and South Yemen have wisely agreed to meet under Arab League auspices in Kuwait next Sunday but have not yet agreed to a ceasefire and withdrawal of troops. The fighting is thus still smouldering and more Yemenis are dying. As things stand South Yemeni forces which have penetrated deep into the North, must be the ones to pull back.

Between now and Sunday the war in Yemen is bound to take a turn for the worse as the North Yemeni forces regroup, receive more arms and mobilize their formidable tribal forces to halt the advance of the South Yemeni army.

With the war at present going against North Yemen, Sanaa is unlikely to agree to a ceasefire until it receives firm assurances from South Yemen through the Soviet Union and the United States that the South Yemeni forces will withdraw and repatriate all the prisoners of war and other hostages. The Saudi four-point plan presumably called for a ceasefire and withdrawal to take place at once because a negotiated settlement may take ages while South Yemeni troops remain entrenched inside North Yemeni territory.

The Arab League Council meeting in Kuwait can scarcely be expected to bring about a rapprochement between the two Yemens because of widely divergent political systems. The North is Islamic, conservative, and maintains very close relations with Saudi Arabia and the other states of the Gulf. It has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and other eastern European countries but very little beyond the exchanges of embassies. Its armed forces once used Soviet-made weapons from warplanes to the Kalashnikov rifles. But the country has not been buying arms from communist countries since the end of the civil war.

In fact, since 1968, the Soviet Union has been paying greater attention to South Yemen which adopted a Marxist system of government — one party, a central committee, a politburo and a head of state who is also secretary-general of the omnipotent party — which is a clone of the Soviet Union. President Abdul Fatah Ismail is extremely enamored with Moscow.

Such differences in political systems will not be easy to bridge, and anybody trying to do so will be wasting their time. It is one of the cruel ironies of Arab life that the two Yemeni populations are really one people, divided by an ideology imposed from above.

This is not to discourage the mediators in Kuwait from trying to bring peace to the region by tackling the immediate causes of friction between the two Yemens. This was referred to here before and was thrown into relief by the Saudi peace plan. Each should agree not to harbor arms and not to let loose dissidents to attack the other. Such border incursions have always soured the relations between the two countries and led to armed clashes. Indeed, the last decade has seen many such incursions in the wake of dissident raids.

North Yemen has nearly 350,000 refugees from the South. The South has a few thousand defectors from the North of whom the majority are ex-army officers and others who fled across the border because they did not see eye to eye with the government of Sanaa whose head has been the top army commander, at least since 1974. In July of that year the last civilian president of North Yemen, Qadri Abdul Rahman Al-Iryani was ousted by a coup d'état and has been living in Syria ever since.

Without severe restrictions on travel, more South Yemennites would have crossed the border. But few now dare for fear of being shot on the spot.

The two Yemens would do well if they agree to co-exist in peace. It is understandable that they cannot unite as they have been saying they shall since the British left South Arabia and gave it back its independence. They are as far apart politically and ideologically as ever before with one beholden to the Soviet Union and the other identifying itself with the states of the Arabian Peninsula.

Constant friction will only continue to provide causes for war and lead to enormous waste of human and material resources of which neither has enough to squander. Besides, a war of the kind raging at present is sure to involve others nearby at first and from further afield later. The Arab world is already enmeshed in Lebanon, trying to bring peace to an embattled land, with Israel doing its best to keep it that way as long as possible. It has the Palestinian issue and that of the occupied territories as well as the North African desert war.

It is just not fair to start another war anywhere in the Arab world. It cannot be helped, of course, if it is part of a grand design by a superpower. If this is the case, the Arab states of the Peninsula will not stand idly by.



"Navigate? He's still figuring out port and starboard."

Get rich quick--by arson

By William Scobie

SAN FRANCISCO —

San Francisco is being threatened by fire. This chilly city by the bay hasn't seen any thing like it since the devastation that followed the great earthquake of 1906. But today the danger comes from arson.

"It's all part of the national arson epidemic," says Richard Strother of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration. "Arsonists are killing more than 1,000 Americans a year and doing \$2 billion-plus damage."

Walking through San Francisco's streets, you sometimes feel the city is being burnt down neighborhood by neighborhood. An empty lot marks the corner where the Gardiner Apartment building stood: 14 people died in that one. A blockbuster blaze on Market Street, the city's main thoroughfare, last month gutted two six-story buildings and halted traffic for hours.

The trouble is especially bad in the Castro area, the city's so-called "gay ghetto", where scores of businesses and bars are owned and used by homosexuals. No one knows why this neighborhood has been hit again and again, but the gays are mad: they're forming vigilante groups. The sleazy Tenderloin and industrial south-of-Market areas have also suffered heavily.

Fire Chief Andrew Casper says there is evidence that "white-collar" arson is growing in the city. "But most of the fires are set by people bent on private revenge, or who are simply nuts," Casper says. Arson has increased by 800 per cent in the past decade, taking dozens of lives, doing millions in damage.

San Francisco's woes are only a small part of the over-

all picture. "Arson is America's fastest-growing crime," said a Senate investigator recently. From New Jersey — where 50 people have died in the past two months in a wave of suspicious fires — to Los Angeles, the crime is rising at the rate of 25 per cent a year.

In Glendale, a residential suburb of L.A., an explosion and fire which police said was set in retaliation against a merchant who foiled a robbery attempt, wiped out six businesses this month. Damage was put at \$250,000. It was L.A.'s biggest this year.

Southern California, where it rarely rains and the hills are covered by tinder-dry brush, is an arsonist's dream. A single pyromaniac is believed responsible for setting 11 fires last October in the hills above Los Angeles. More than 200 houses were destroyed, the homes of movie people — Dinah Shore, Jack Lemon, Ali McGraw and others — were severely damaged, and total damage was estimated at around \$50 million.

Many fires are set for insurance money, and insurance industry officials describe their losses as "horrendous". From the small businessman who puts a match to his shop in hope of escaping bankruptcy, to the "professional" torches working for organized crime, Americans are making big money from arson.

The poorest urban neighborhoods are the worst hit. Slum property can be converted into fat insurance profits via a swapping arrangement between "silent" business partners. They buy the building from such other, back and forth, bumping up the paper value. They have a small fire, then a larger one and take out insurance vastly in excess of

By Charles Malek
(Charles H. Malek was foreign minister of Lebanon and president of the United Nations General Assembly. He is professor emeritus of philosophy at the American University of Beirut.)

WASHINGTON —
The Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians have been living as neighbors and brothers in peace and creative interaction since the beginning of time, and are destined to such a relationship until the end of time.

Good-neighbored existence cannot be based on the perpetration of mutual resentment, bitterness and recrimination.

The crying need is for a new epoch of forgiveness, mutual trust and peaceful interaction and cooperation.

The Lebanese must also be helped to come out of their self-absorption and look for self-worth with confidence and actively work with others toward a new era of peace in the Middle East in which all the peoples and cultures of the area, Arab and non-Arab, and Palestinian, Muslim, Christian and Jewish, can live in peace, mutual respect, and creative interaction and cooperation.

No sovereign and independent state of Lebanon, then simply no peace.

No free, open and genuinely pluralist society of Lebanon, then no peace either.

And no security and freedom for the Christian and non-Christian communities alike, then again no peace.

Peace in every case means peace between the Lebanese themselves and peace in the Middle East.

But let the three fundamental conditions concerning state,

society and communities be assured, and there are no limits to the possibilities of peace and cooperation both within Lebanon and between Lebanon and everybody in the Middle East and the world.

The old Lebanese structure has crumbled and there is now a search for a new structure.

Lebanon, as a free society and as a balancing factor in the overall politics of the Middle East, cannot survive if it continues to shoulder alone, or for the most part, the burden of the Palestinian problem.

There is an apparent abandonment of Lebanon by the West. This has not been the case for centuries. Without Western understanding and support, Lebanon cannot survive.

A greater understanding of the unique values of Lebanon has developed in Europe, especially in West Germany, France and the Vatican, than in America.

What is happening in Lebanon is an organic part of a grand strategic encircling movement that has been unfolding for years.

The encircling subject is the Soviet Union and the encircled object is the entire Middle East, with its unique strategic position and its immense natural resources.

The events in Iran, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, the Horn of Africa, Yemen, Lebanon, Turkey, as well as the Arab opposition to the Camp David accords, all belong to the same encircling phenomenon.

Can the Soviet Union be permanently excluded from sharing in the riches and oil reserves of the Middle East and participating in delibera-

tions and decisions on the fate of the area so close to it and so vital to its security?

Does the West, and the United States in particular, have the ability, let alone the will, to resist and beat back a vast and absolutely determined Soviet onslaught on the Middle East?

Is it not inevitable that the reaction of the Soviet Union both to Camp David and the ongoing rapprochement between China and the United States is to intensify this determined onslaught?

Are we heading toward the partitioning of the area into "zones of influence"?

Can a free-for-all Middle East be a source of peace and stability for itself and for the world?

Or are we glimpsing on the horizon an essentially neutralist Middle East with a special world status of its own? And can a neutralist Middle East really hold?

Is there a remedy for the bleak essential backdrop of the West in being able to relate itself inwardly only to governments and individual leaders and hardly ever to peoples?

Can the local nationalism and the native religious values on which the West appears so pathetically to rely, really prevent those countries from being overwhelmed by the sheer material weight of this enormous glacier creeping upon them from the north?

These are among the ultimate questions. They test not only the fundamental thinking, but also the moral stamina of the West.

And the West may not be in a position even to understand them. —(SF)

Business with China

By Adrian Hamilton

HONG KONG —

"So long as the Chinese do not withdraw soon," says a leading international banker in Hong Kong, "I see no reason why business confidence in China's new open-door policy should be undermined."

"But," he adds, a little less confidently, "if it does go on and drags the Russians in, it will cause some dramatic rethinking. Already I know one or two banks who are having second thoughts about lending."

The "but" is a big one. Peking's decision to launch a major punitive attack on Vietnam could not have come at a more sensitive time for the West, as the Chinese seem well aware from their careful briefings of Western diplomats all this week.

Most immediately it must embarrass the steady stream of high-powered visitors eager to stake an early claim on China's new attitude of economic cooperation with the industrialized nations.

Roy Jenkins of the EEC arrived on an official visit only a few days after the Chinese threw their troops across the border. U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal is

there and, not least, there is Britain's Industry Secretary Eric Varley's visit to negotiate a major business package.

In the British case that point is made even more delicate by the crucial role of the proposed sale of Harrier jump-jets in the country's bid to make the front rank of major industrial suppliers to China against fierce competition.

Some kind of trade package with substantial orders for electronic and steel plants is still on the cards and very much desired by the British as part of the general sweep of Chinese ordering and their desire to diversify sources. What is more at risk is the British hope to use the Harrier sale to accelerate and extend the orders on a wider front.

Barring a major escalation in the war, negotiations will proceed because neither side can afford them not to proceed. But it will be hard to sign the Harrier jet deal as early as hoped and thus equally hard for the British to tighten negotiations on other items.

And the same is true in the much broader dimension. The dramatic swing of policy in a country with a quarter of the world's population is of such immense significance in the

world that no one dares to consider a real reverse to it.

In the commercial sphere as much as the political one, neither the Chinese nor the industrialized nations have yet worked out what it means in practice. The Chinese are testing the water on a great mass of initiatives from major Western companies are looking on the fish hook with enormous interest.

The Chinese have still to feel out how far they can induce foreign industrial assistance without loss of sovereignty or loss of financial independence (it will mean far fewer orders abroad than the \$120 billion implied by some of their targets). Nor have Western companies discovered how far the terms on offer make commercial sense or present a long-term security of opportunity.

Still less does the West, or its companies, really know — and this is where the Vietnam case development poses such awkward questions — to what extent the Chinese leadership's modernization program is a technological means to an economic end or an economic means to a political end of inevitable conflict with the USSR. —(OFNS)

saudi press review

"Umm" urged the two Yemen republics to stop fighting and resolve their differences through negotiations, as suggested by the Saudi four-point plan. The government of Saudi Arabia had acted responsibly towards its neighbors, helping preserve the peace in the Arabian peninsula.

"Al-Jazirah" said that the Saudi proposals are the best means of putting an end to the serious developments. They are the best framework for a peaceful solution of a situation that is causing deep concern.

Fortunately, just before the signing of the Saudi Arabia and South Yemen had agreed to normalize relations. This would give Saudi Arabia some leverage in its four-point plan.

The plan sprang out of its honest impartiality towards all conflicting sides.

Saudi Arabia realized that this region is extremely sensitive and tempting. It was a prime candidate for struggles in which its resources, potentialities and riches would be wasted while it is pushed back to the tribal era.

It was unfortunate that the circumstances favored expand-

ing the arena of conflict and the involvement of foreign powers. The leaders of the states concerned may be powerless to control the course of events.

"Al-Riyadh" hoped that the Saudi appeal would be heeded so that it may change the direction of "the Red winds" which are being blown by Moscow to the heart of the Arabian Peninsula.

A war between the two Yemens was likely to obstruct the efforts of the Arab League and Saudi Arabia unless the Arab states of the Gulf first, then the other ones, join hands to contain the war.

Those with designs on the region were exploiting personal animosities to break up Arab unity and substitute terror for security. The paper called on the Arab world to stand by the Kingdom in its plan to end the bloody struggle in southern Arabia.

"Al-Bilad" said the Saudi appeal sprang from the Kingdom's concern for world peace and to save Arab efforts and resources for confronting the common enemy and his evil designs.

The paper urged the two

Yemen republics to heed the voice of reason and end the fighting immediately.

Saudi Arabia was keen to let everybody know that it would not allow its peace to be disturbed. It was quite capable of taking any action to protect the Peninsula so that it may always remain an oasis of peace and security.

"Al-Madina" said the ceremony which King Khalid was to attend Wednesday to award the King Faisal Philanthropic Foundation prizes was an occasion to honor services to Islam and literature.

The foundation was in many ways the embodiment of King Faisal's lofty principles and his dedication to Islam and Islamic solidarity.

The paper said that the foundation would compensate Muslim thinkers and reformers for the injustice done to them by international organizations.

Thus on this occasion too highly regarded Muslim thinkers would be honored, Abul Ala Mawdoodi of Pakistan and Fudhail of Turkey, who had dedicated themselves to Islamic thought and principles in the service of their fellow Muslims.



Reading cooking book: Now what is the next step?

—(Al-Madina)

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Dinner at Chequers or Sir Harold at Toad Hall

By Conor Cruise O'Brien

(Dr. O'Brien is a member of the Republic of Ireland Senate and a former minister of post and telegraph in the Irish government. He is now editor-in-chief of "The Observer" newspaper.)

LONDON: "As a historian, Conor, do you think... This promising opening hung in the air, or rather, in the smoke. Sir Harold Wilson — for he it was who thus apostrophized me — is a master of the prolonged pause, his pipe his instrument.

Flattered and attentive, I wondered what historical conundrum I was to be invited to consider.

"Do you think that one who owes as much to history as I do" — puff — "owes something to history in return?" I took in my breath as I gazed into the abyss of Sir Harold's conception of his personal relationship to history. Victor Hugo, on Napoleon III, wrote: "To the Horses of the Sun, you hitch your cab!"

The Horses of the Sun, for Hugo, were the great battles of Napoleon Bonaparte's First Empire. The equivalents in the twentieth century are the two world wars, one among the minor historical consequences of which was indeed the political emergence of Sir Harold Wilson. The problem about which he was consulting me was whether he should now offer to these apocalyptic beasts a handful of sugar — in the shape of another volume of his memoirs — in consideration of their exertions in conveying him safely to Chequers, the premier's country retreat, where our conversation took place.

When effrontery assumes comic proportions, one can only bow before it, as I now did. I mulled something to the effect that History did seem to deserve some kind of a tip, and we went in to dinner.

The occasion was a conference of socialist leaders. I was not really a socialist leader, but the actual Irish socialist leader of the day preferred walking his dogs along Wexford Pier on a fine Saturday afternoon, to going to listen to Sir Harold at Chequers.

Some of the other socialist leaders, that afternoon and evening, must have wished they had taken some form of the Wexford alternative.

It was a distinguished gathering: Willy Brandt was there, Bruno Kreisky, Olof Palme, Francois Mitterrand, everybody who was anybody in the Socialist International.

(Readers who feel nervous about name-dropping should wear a hard hat.)

It was a good dinner, in its own way. The distinguished guests, I rather imagine, thought they were going to have a general conversation, exchange views and so on. What we got, however, was an uninterrupted monologue from Sir Harold about Sir Harold.

He told us about his debut in public affairs. Lord Woolton it seemed, had rung up the vice-chancellor of Oxford University to ask him for the name of the most brilliant of the recent graduates of that seat of learning.

"For some reason," said Sir Harold, "he gave him my name."

He spoke of his family. His father had been an unlettered man but he was a mathematical genius. He could extract, in his head, the cube-roots of ten-digit numbers. According to Sir Harold, people came from all over Lancashire to witness this feat. "That particular form of genius," said Sir Harold, "skipped my generation. But my children have it!"

Sir Harold's boasting is easy, affable good-humoured, and incessant. As I listened to him, and watched him bemused (but still socialist) guests, I had to remind myself that the man had been the prime minister of Great Britain and — slightly to his embarrassment — Northern Ireland, and that his silent audience were among the leaders of Western Europe.

The Chinese in Vietnam : following a 2,000-year trail

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand — The Chinese attack into Vietnam may have been sparked by modern upheavals within the Communist camp, but Chinese invasions, occupations and general meddling in the affairs of its smaller neighbor go back 2,000 years.

In keeping with the Communist habit of blaming leaders rather than people, Hanoi continues to laud the friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese and is recalling that not so long ago the two fought "shoulder-to-shoulder" against the French and Americans.

But at the same time, there are steady references to the "Great Han expansionists," — the Chinese dynasty that annexed the Vietnamese in 111 B.C. and ushered in 1,000 years of Chinese domination.

This year's 190th anniversary celebrations of the Vietnamese victory over the Chinese at the battle of Dong Da were appropriately highlighted. The battle, one of the proudest moments in Vietnamese military history, was described by Hanoi as "the military art of using a small army to crush a large one."

His phrase cropped up again after the Chinese invasion which began on Feb. 17, a day after Peking's superior forces poured across the frontier. Vietnam again recalled some history.

"Attacking Vietnam, the Chinese rulers are following the rut left by 5th 'Great Han' feudal regimes in the past...the Vietnamese people in the past crushed the brutal aggressive armies of the southern Han, Sung, Yuan-Mongol, Ming and Manchu Tsing feudalists, and recently smashed the seasoned expeditionary corps of the imperialist aggressors."

Ho Chi Minh, the late father of Vietnamese Communism, received aid from Communist China in his war against the French in the early 1950s. He used Chinese sanctuaries and sent his troops across the same rugged frontier where the Chinese are now operating.

When Russia and China fell out, Ho tried to steer an even course, accepting help from both in the struggle against the U.S.-backed Saigon regime.

Some Indochina observers have detected notes of suspicion and a leaning in the direction of Moscow in the Indochina War years. The Soviets supplied the bulk of the weapons for Hanoi's 1972 offensive in South Vietnam and for its final victory push three years later.

After the war ended, relations between China and Vietnam began to deteriorate while those with Moscow were strengthened. Alleged Vietnamese persecution of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam, border disputes and the issue of Cambodia all contributed to the rupture.

The Sino-Vietnamese honeymoon was any way historically short-lived.

Vietnam's greatest folk heroes and heroines are those who rose up and fought the Chinese.

The Trung sisters rebelled in 39 A.D. to buy a short taste of freedom from China before defeat and suicide. Ngo Quyen is celebrated as the ruler who destroyed a fleet of Chinese war junks by impaling them with spikes set just below the water line.

Gen. Tran Hung Dao was an early practitioner of guerrilla warfare when he wore down and decimated a vast Mongol and Chinese army in the 13th century. And Nguyen Hue's exploit of marching his army 600 kilometers in 20 days to rout the Chinese at Dong Da is described with almost mystical reverence.

Even ancient legends tell of Vietnamese and Chinese enmity. One describes a Vietnamese king whose magic claw attached to his bow made him invincible in face of a Chinese attack. Typically, the rival Chinese monarch is described as a devious type who fakes the claw and thus subdues the Vietnamese.

What if there's nothing up there at the top? Where are the Captains that govern mankind? The evening passed, Europe was hushed, and still Sir Harold boasted. Watching and listening, over the excellent Burgundy, I thought Sir Harold's appearance was beginning to change. Surely his nose had got flatter, his eyes poppier, his person more dumpy.

I could hear a distant murmur of foliage, a pit-pat of little feet along a river-bank. The wind was in the willows. This was not Chequers but Toad Hall, and here was Mr. Toad himself, singing for his guests "the most conceited song that any animal ever composed."

"The world has held great Heroes
As history books have showed
But never a name to go down to fame
Compared with that of Toad!
The clever men at Oxford
Know all that there is to be knowned
But none of them know one half as much
As intelligent Mr. Toad!"

Sir Harold was supremely happy that evening, and some at least of his happiness seemed to spill over on his bewildered dinner-guests — the moles, rats and badgers of the Socialist International.

Sir Harold should not trouble himself about his place in history. In reality, Sir Harold has had his place in history. All that bothers him now is how he will look to future generations, in his niche in the Hall of Fame. That is his idea of a place in history.

He has got all this a bit wrong. There are two kinds of history, in the mnemonic sense of that word, the sense which preoccupies Sir Harold. The first is popular history, the history of song and story and major television features.

You do not get into that sort of history by having been prime minister umpteen times and then writing your memoirs. You get into it by being a hero, or a martyr, or a monster, or a royal courtesan. Nelson is there, Adolf Hitler, and Mrs. Langtry. Sir Harold is not there.

The second kind of (mnemonic) history is that of the history-books written by "the clever men at Oxford..."

Sir Harold thinks he will somehow win that lot over with his memoirs. In the same way, certain African villagers believe that they can win the Sacred Crocodile round to their way of thinking by staking out a young goat. Reality remains otherwise. Crocodiles eat goats; historians eat memoirs. That is all. Goat and memoir eaten, crocodile and historian remain the cold, sullen, implacable creatures they were before.

The memoirs will be checked against all other relevant sources and in the case of conflict, other sources will be preferred.

Sir Harold knows best what kind of historical comfort that process is likely to bring him. But he has had a splendid run for his money, and he has enjoyed himself largely, God bless him! In the words of Georges Foutet's epitaph on a forlorn French poet:

"Your poor ambition only dreamt of Glory
But God, more clement, gave you happiness." (OFNS)



BUT NEVER A NAME: Sir Harold outside No. 10, Downing Street

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The magic of ages in the food of today

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — Herbs have been ascribed with all sorts of magical properties in the past. Marjoram was supposed to "strengthen the stomach and head much," according to Nicholas Culpeper, an astrologer-physician of the seventeenth century. Another physician was convinced that smelling basil "brad a scorpion in his brain."

Nowadays herbs are valued for their fragrance and the flavor they impart in cooking. Modern dieticians have discovered that parsley contains a wealth of vitamins. The scent of mint is said to stimulate the appetite. And garlic is still said to be good for rheumatism.

Basil is an aromatic herb which grows well in hot climates. It is used a great deal in Spain, Italy, Portugal and the south of France. Use it chopped on lamb chops to give them a sweet, mildly pungent flavor. Add it to spaghetti sauces. Or sprinkle it over a tomato salad.

Marjoram is a popular, versatile herb that can be used sparingly with meat or fish dishes giving them a delicious, subtle flavor. Oregano, which is closely related and is sometimes called wild marjoram, goes particularly well with tomatoes in any form. Italians use it a great deal in their pasta and pizza dishes.

Mint is a very English herb. Around 14 different varieties grow in England. It is used mainly to flavor new potatoes and peas by putting it in the cooking water, and for mint sauce to accompany roast lamb. Try it in salads soups and summer drinks.

Parsley is well-known and often used for garnishing. Use it finely chopped to enhance the flavor of soups, stews and salads. Parsley sauce is excellent with boiled or steamed fish.

Garlic is very pungent. It may be used to give just a hint of flavor to a salad or any other dish. But there are some dishes which get all their character from their strong garlicky flavor. Remember to crush it before using, and never cook it in oil or butter long enough for it to color, or you will have a bitter taste in your food.

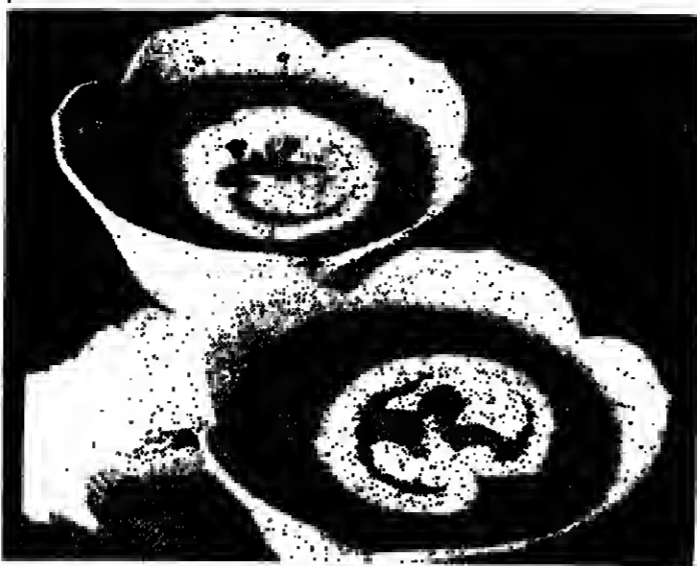
Minted pea and cucumber soup

- 1 lg onion
- 1 small lettuce head
- 2 oz. butter
- 8 oz. peas
- 2 tsp. flour
- 1 pt. milk
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh mint
- 1 pt. white stock or water
- 1 cucumber
- Salt
- Lemon juice

Peel and slice the onion. Shred and wash lettuce, then drain in a colander. Melt the butter in a pan and fry onion until transparent. Add the shredded lettuce, cover and sweat over low heat for a few minutes until bright green and juicy. Add the peas. Blend in sufficient flour to absorb the fat. Stir in the milk and bring to simmering point. Stirring steadily, add the mint and thin as required with the stock or water. Grate the unpeeled cucumber and add. If serving the soup cold, reserve half the cucumber. Add salt to taste, cover and simmer gently for about 45 minutes. Put through mouli or sieve, or blend in a blender. Adjust the seasoning with salt and lemon juice. Garnish with fresh or soured cream and sprinkle with fresh mint. To serve cold, after sieving the soup, peel and grate in remaining half cucumber. Season well with salt and lemon juice and chill thoroughly. Pour into soup bowls, add cream and a sprig of mint.

Barbecued lamb Provencal

- 1 leg of lamb (6-7 lbs.)



A pea soup reaches its apotheosis with a sprig of mint, which the ancients said stimulated the appetite.

- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 6 tsp. fresh breadcrumbs
- 6 tsp. finely chopped parsley
- 6 lbs. softened butter
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and black pepper

Make a smooth paste of garlic, parsley, fresh breadcrumbs, butter and lemon juice, and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Wipe lamb with a damp cloth and spread with this paste, pressing it well in so seasonings do not fall off during cooking. Allow the flavor to penetrate for at least one hour. Start fire at least one hour before cooking time to have a bed of ash-gray coals to cook over. Balance lamb on the spit, inserting the spit in line with the bone so it can rotate freely and easily. Roast for 1½-2 hours for a pink and juicy leg of lamb, longer if you like it less rare. Allow the meat to rest on the spit for ten minutes to retain juices before removing spit.

This leg of lamb may be roasted on a rack in a roasting pan in a slow oven (325-350 F.) for 15 to 20 minutes per pound. The provencal dressing will give the same wonderful flavor. Serves 6-8.

Courgettes en salade

- 8 courgette (4 ins. long)
- 1 Spanish onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- Well-flavored French dressing
- Lettuce
- 4 tomatoes, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 small green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 Spanish onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. capers, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. each finely chopped parsley and basil
- Salt and black pepper

Simmer courgettes, unpeeled, in salted water for about eight minutes. Cut them in half lengthwise, and carefully scoop out seeds. Lay courgettes, cut sides up, in a flat dish. Combine finely chopped onion and garlic and cover courgettes with this mixture. Sprinkle half the French dressing over them. Cover with foil and allow to marinate in this mixture in the refrigerator for at least four hours.

When ready to serve, remove onion and garlic mixture and drain off marinade.

KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

JEDDAH

Thursday, March 1

"Pakistan Day," at the Women's Welfare Society head quarters on Mecca Road. At 6 p.m. Tickets, SR 50 available from the Pakistan Embassy.

Saturday, March 3

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting. Thomas E. Van der Veer, principal planner of Saudi Arabian Parsons Ltd., will give a talk with slides on "Yanbu Industrial Complex: Background Current Status and the Future." At the USGS compound just off Medina Road (down) near Spinners Restaurant. At 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 4

Coffee morning for women of Australian nationality. At the Australian Ambassador's new residence. 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 5

British Community Wives' Association meeting. Jean Hatton, a Scottish model, will be exhibiting Scottish fashion and jewelry. At the British Ambassador's residence. 4:30 p.m.

Danish women's tea. At the Danish Ambassador's residence. 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting. At the USGS compound. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Garden Club meeting. At the home of Mrs. Jo Adams, Lockheed Compound next to the Sands Hotel. At 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

By Shirley Chase

JEDDAH — Herbs can be grown on balconies, on patios in tubs and in window boxes. Certain herbs do well in living rooms, kitchens, and also in the garden area. Use large copper pots for the living room. Avoid excessive draughts from air conditioners.

Various seed firms offer special seed collections for growing herbs indoors. Basil seeds are available locally.

Herbs like warm, sunny exposure, preferably in well-drained, dry soil. Although plants can be grown in containers without any drainage, it is better to have some means of disposing of the surplus water. In containers with a depth of eight or more centimeters, when there is no way for surplus water to escape.

Place one centimeter (or even more in deeper dishes) of broken pots, bricks, or small pebbles in the bottom of the container. Over with burlap to keep the soil from immediately clogging the drainage. Fill the container with soil, without pressing the soil down.

A number of herbs grow well in Saudi Arabia both inside and out. Chives, oregano, mint, thyme, parsley, rosemary, basil



and garlic are a few of the better ones. Use a loam-based potting mixture.

Tuesday, March 6 — Thursday, March 8: Auditions for "Cabaret," the annual joint musical production by SET and the Jeddah Players. The production will be directed by Albert Dempster. Production scheduled for May. At the Players Playhouse. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7:

Jeddah Concert Committee presents Ronald Woodcock of Sydney, Australia in a violin recital, accompanied by Caroling Hafner on the piano. At the British Ambassador's residence. 8:30 p.m. Tickets, SR 20.

RIYADH

Thursday, March 1 — Friday, March 2

Display of oriental carpets at the Intercontinental Hotel. Open to the public, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Amy Wang will conduct morning and evening classes in Chinese cooking starting March 1. Call Mrs. Chala at 21888.

Saturday, March 3

Classes in batik at JeCorp Compound behind the Marriott Hotel, SR125 for course of four lessons, all supplies included. Morning classes, March 3, 5, 10 and 12, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Evening classes: March 4, 6, 11 and 13, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, March 1

Last day to enter the Eastern Province League Tennis Tournament. Call Neil Perkins 70246 with entry enquiries.

Friday, March 2

Al-Khobar Tennis Tournament. Ladies semi-finals 10:30 a.m. Mens semi-finals 11:45 a.m. Ladies finals 2:15 p.m. Mens finals 3:30 p.m. All matches to be held on the Lower Courts near the running track at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

bush-like appearance with woody stems, likes sun and is best planted in well-drained soil.

Thyme does best in a light, well-drained soil and looks good in rockery. Sunlight brings out the flavor.

Parsley should be sown from October to March in a fairly moist soil. Sow thinly. Germination is often slow. Give the plants plenty of water.

Rosemary likes sun and dry soil with some lime in it.

Basil is a perennial in its native India. It grows up to one meter tall and has a strong, spicy aroma. The herb can be used in fresh or dried arrangements in the house. Make sure the seed pods are free of bugs. Basil, incidentally, is said to discourage house flies.

Garlic is made up of strongly flavored bulbs, each of which has ten or more sections called cloves. Plant the cloves five centimeters deep. Garlic can be grown in a sunny location.

To dry and store the herb, cut early in the morning. Use a very sharp knife or scissors and handle the leaves very gently. Take no more than a third of the growth on evergreen perennials.

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Connors glides on in indoor tourney

BORG: \$40,000 this time
Wimbledon purses rise

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Wimbledon Prize Money for 1979 has risen by over 10,000 pounds (\$20,000) to 277,066 pounds (\$544,132) the All England Tennis Club announced Tuesday.

Bjorn Borg, who earned 19,000 pounds (\$38,000) for winning the men's singles for the third consecutive time in 1978, will receive 20,000 pounds (\$40,000) if he makes a four in a row.

The women's champion will receive 18,000 pounds (\$36,000), 900 pounds (\$1,800) more than Martina Navratilova earned last year.

Officials said Wimbledon had come to an agreement with organizers of the other Grand Slam tournaments — the United States, French and Australian Opens — not to lift prize money more than 10 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 28 (AP) — Defending champion Jimmy Connors easily defeated Tomaz Tismid, 6-4, 6-0, Tuesday in the second round of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships at the Racquet Club.

Third-seed Vitas Gerulaitis downed South African Johan Kriek, 6-3, 6-2, but no. 4 seed Eddie Dibbs fell to India's Vijay Amisraj, 6-4, 6-1.

Connors appeared relaxed and seemed to be enjoying himself as he chatted with the crowd throughout his match. At one point, he played an impromptu game of catch with a man in the stands.

But Connors pulled his shoulder painfully as he dipped to pick up a low shot from the baseline.

He said, however, it would not prevent him from meeting Stan Smith in their third-round match Wednesday.

In other night matches, sixth-seeded Arthur Ashe downed Kim Warwick of Australia, 6-3, 6-1; No. 12 Wojtek Fibak of Poland beat Hank Pfister, 6-0, 4-6, 7-5.

No. 10 Sandy Mayer beat Romania's Ion Tiriac, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3, and Peter Fleming scored a mild upset over Hungary's Balazs Taroczy, the 11th seed, 7-5, 6-1.

The 20-year-old Kriek was impressive through the first few games, hitting with pace and controlling games at the net, but could not maintain his timing against the more experienced Gerulaitis.

Butch Wake, the man who scored the first major upset of the tournament Monday over second-seeded Guillermo Vilas, retired from his second-round match. American Gene Mayer was leading, 5-0, when Wake quit the match, saying he had injured his foot in his match the night before.

Two other seeded players were upset Tuesday — Bob Lutz downed fellow American Dick Stockton, the 14th seed, 6-4, 6-3, and Stan Smith defeated Italy's Adriano Panatta, the 13th seed, 6-1, 6-4. The Lutz-Stockton match was a first-round, and Smith-Panatta was second round.

Martina conquers nerves
In Dallas Tuesday night, top-seeded Martina Navratilova settled down after a shaky start and went on to defeat Betsy Nagelsen 7-5, 6-0 in the feature match of the second day's action in a \$200,000 tennis tournament at the Moody Coliseum.

Navratilova, whose 84-year-old grandmother came in from Czechoslovakia to see the tournament, admitted her nerves were shaky.

"But I settled down after that first set and I was all right. I think my heart was beating 200 a minute when I went to the court," said the top money-winner of the tennis year.

Also advancing into Wednesday's third round were veteran Virginia Wade, who beat Lea Antonoplis 6-2, 6-7; Rosie Casals, a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 winner over Renee Richards, and old-timer Francois Durr, who turned back 19-year-old Anne Smith of Dallas, 6-4, 6-3.

Casals, showing the effects of a recent knee operation, appeared handicapped but said afterward, "Running doesn't bother me. It's the walking part of the game."

Saudi side crashes

MADRID, Feb. 28 (R) — Spanish Second Division club Real Madrid-Castilla beat a Saudi national side, 7-0, here Tuesday in a friendly soccer match before a crowd of 1,000. At half-time the Spaniards led, 2-0.



SPEED-SKATE: Heiden skates away from Norway's Stenhejmet in his winning 1,500-meter race in the International World Cup Speed-skating Tournament at Allensar last weekend.

Speed-skating's Eric Heiden

No candy bars for America's obscurest star

By Mike O'Brien

ACKMAAR, Netherlands, Feb. 28 (AP) — If Eric Heiden were the world's best male athlete in a sport other than speed-skating, he would have an agent, a million-dollar contract and perhaps even a candy bar named for him.

But if the obscurity of speed skating in the American sports world upsets Heiden, he didn't show it Sunday as he competed in the World Cup Speed Skating tournament here.

Only 20, Heiden is secure in the knowledge that he is the best in the world at what he does, and has unprecedented successive world championship to prove it. He has won men's all around junior men's and sprint in the last two years.

Sunday, he defeated Norwegian Kay Anne Stenhejmet for the 1,500-meter title in the all-around.

Heiden interviewed recently that races at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds, laughed when asked why he trains so ardently for a sport so unrecognized in his home land and in which he seemingly has nothing else to prove.

"There is nothing like going to Europe and skating against the best in the world," he said. "Skating is a lot different in Norway and Holland."

"There, you skate before 25,000 people," he said. "Here, it's maybe a couple of dozen. Skating in Europe is like football here. I'd like to do what

I can to make skating more popular in this country."

Toward that end Heiden has dropped out of the University of Wisconsin in his home town of Madison, and does not plan to resume studies until after the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Until then, he plans to continue his spartan regimen which he resumed last May.

"I started real easy, an hour a day, five days a week," he said. I did a lot of running and weight lifting to strengthen myself before getting back to all the technical parts of skating.

"About mid-June, I started heavy workouts — weights, cycling and running, three and a half to four hours a day, seven days a week," he said. "That continued until about Dec. 1, when I could use the rink."

Since then, he has commuted the some 75 miles from his home to the rink, where he has skated about 44 hours daily. He studied while riding in the car or at home, and last month completed the 12 credits he took during the fall semester at the University. He will be a first semester junior when he resumes his education.

Karpov wins, but Spassky leads Munich tournament

MUNICH, Feb. 28 (AP) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov Tuesday won his first international tournament match since defending his title in the Philippines last year, but former world champion Boris Spassky retained the overall lead in the International Grandmasters Tournament here.

Karpov, in international

tion, but will be a full time amateur skater until after the Olympics.

"I think I'm skating a little better than last year, I think I am now more competitive in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races," said Heiden, who last year swept the 500, 5,000 and 1,500 in the all-around and the 500 and two 1,000 meter races in the sprint championships.

competition for the first time since defeating Viktor Korchnoi, forced Soviet countryman Gennadi Balashov to resign in the 60th move of a second-round game that had been resumed in the 41st move.

Karpov then conceded a draw to Austrian Karl Rothenbach in the 16th move of their third-round game.

Rain forces Test draw

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 28 (AP) — Rain on the last day of the third and final Test between Pakistan and New Zealand made a draw inevitable with the honors going to the tourists.

Only 118 minutes of play were managed and during this time New Zealand in its second innings took its overnight score of 231 for 5 to 281 for 8 when Burgess declared.

Pakistan faced just six balls in their second innings. Talant Ali hit two of them for fours and then the rain swept in and that was the series over.

Pakistan who won the first Test in Christchurch earlier in the month thus took the series, 1-0, with two drawn.

At the end of the match the New Zealand national coach, Martin Horton, named Wasim Bari as the fieldsmen of the match, Zahoor Abbas as the batsman and Richard Hadlee as the bowler.

Score board

New Zealand first innings 254

second innings

Wright b Sarfraz 10

Edgar b Imran 0

Howarth c Raja b Sikan 38

Burgess c Asif b Sarfraz 71

Reid c Majid b Mushaq 19

Coney c Mushaq b Imran 49

Lees not out 45

Cairns b Sarfraz 4

Hadlee c Talant b Sarfraz 5

Extras (8b, 13lb, 18nb, 1w) 40

Total for eight wickets declared 281

Fall: 1, 52, 85, 131, 205, 261, 275, 281.

Bowling: Imran, 32-9-72-2;

Sarfraz, 28-2-9-61-4;

Sikander, 18-2-64-1; Mushaq, 11-2-39-1; Asif, 2-0-5-0.

Pakistan: First innings 359,

second innings

Talant not out 8

Mondal not out 0

Extras 0

Total for no wickets 8

Bowling: Hadlee, 0-6-0-8-0.



SALVAGE: Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland crosses the finish line to win the 1,500-meter race to salvage some respect for western Europe in the European Indoor Track and Field Meeting in Vienna Sunday—the events were dominated by eastern Europe. Second in West German Klaus Westinghouse and behind him is John Robson of Great Britain.

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Ex-pro QB jailed on heroin count

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Feb. 28 (AP) — Former professional quarterback Joe Gilliam pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of possession of heroin and was sentenced to four months in a city jail, authorities said.

David Raybin, assistant district attorney general, said the plea concerned Gilliam's 1976 arrest in the lobby of a motel, when police reported finding a packet of heroin in his jacket pocket.

Gilliam was a starting player with the Pittsburgh Steelers for six weeks in 1974. He was waived and picked up by the New Orleans Saints, then was dropped from the Saints after an unexplained absence from spring training camp in 1975.

Gilliam was treated in 1977 at a drug rehabilitation center in Richmond, Virginia.

English soccer

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Results of English League soccer matches Tuesday night:

Division One

Man. C. 2 Norwich 2

Division Three

Bury 1 Tranmere 0

Colchester 2 Walsall 0

Plymouth 4 Exeter 2

Swansea 2 Chester 2

Division Four

Darlington 2 Huddersfield 1

Doncaster 0 Huddersfield 2

Grimsby 2 Crewe 2

Newport 2 Bradford 4

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Sugar price adjustment bills called for in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Congressmen, farmers and processors from key sugar states have urged passage of bills they said would add at least 23 cents per person to American consumers' sugar bills this year but save them from a foreign sugar cartel later.

The domestic sugar industry will collapse without higher prices to meet higher expenses, they told the House Agriculture Committee as it opened hearings on the bills Tuesday.

The extra cost to consumers that they conceded would be followed this fall by another that few supporters mentioned, for a total increase of \$1.02

per person a year from now. Leading sugar refiners, meanwhile, said the hike in sugar prices would be just the beginning.

"It would unleash catastrophic inflation in food prices, an impossible price to pay for the wrong answer in aiding these farmers," I.H. Kemper III of Sugar Land, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Cane Sugar Refiners' Association, said in a statement.

Congress and President Jimmy Carter in the last 18 months have raised raw sugar prices three times, sparking hikes totaling almost 17 cents in the average price of a five-pound bag of refined sugar.

Prices for all raw sugar in the United States are geared

to the price of foreign sugar after import fees and duties are paid. About 45 per cent in U.S. sugar supplies are imported.

The government keeps them up by adding enough duties to the world price of about 8 cents to hold the U.S. price at 15 cents a pound. Increases have been passed on totally to consumers, government price statistics show.

Reps. Thomas Foley, (D-Wash.), and Al Ullman, (D-Ore.), chairman of the two committees handling the legislation, have proposed a new hike of a quarter-cent per pound now and about 0.85 of a cent more late in the year.

Carter is expected to propose no change in prices until late this year, recommending an increase of eight-tenths of a cent — the most expensive of three choices presented by his advisers.

Economists say they can't calculate the impact on the prices of soft drinks, baked goods, candy, cereals and other products, the source of 80 per cent of the 92.7 pounds of sugar consumed each year by the average American.

Without the proposed hikes, "we might save our consumers a penny or two," testified Rep. Bob Traxler, (D-Mich.), "but within a period of a few years we would certainly become the captive consumers of foreign sugar. Without a domestic industry to provide us with supplies we need, we will have to pay whatever prices these world producers charge."

Dollar edges against yen

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AP) — The dollar, in moderate trading Wednesday on the Tokyo foreign exchange, regained its losses against the Japanese yen, closing at 202.375 yen, up from Tuesday's close of 202.025 yen.

Dealers said the Bank of Japan, which intervened Tuesday to prop up the yen, apparently stayed out of the market Wednesday.

They said the dollar was apparently buoyed by a spurt of demand by trading firms for import settlements.

Dealers also said the dollar was pushed up by foreign banks, which sold the U.S. currency in the morning but bought them back later.



ROSEMONT, Ill. Two exhibitors — from Compagnie de Signaux et d'Entreprises Electroniques, a French manufacturing firm, are seen with their company's electro-magnetic and infrared antimissile self-defense system at "Defense Technology '79," an international arms technology and weapons show. (AP photo)

U.S. copper proposal stirs little interest

GENEVA, Feb. 28 (R) — The United States has outlined a plan to stabilize copper prices based on a buffer stock of at least one million tons of the metal, but the idea drew a cool response from Australia and Canada, two leading producers.

U.S. delegate Richard Ogden Tuesday presented the proposal to a 40-nation meeting attended by leading copper mining and consuming countries.

Peru, another leading exporter, welcomed the move as "a valuable contribution."

Canada said such a stabilization pact was inappropriate and the scheme could be disastrous. Australian delegate Michael Montefiore said there were "several areas of uncertainty" in the American proposal.

The proposed buffer scheme would aim to keep copper prices within agreed levels by buying metal for the stockpile when prices fall and releasing it when prices go up.

The week-long meeting is the 14th in a series over nearly three years aimed at trying to stabilize the market. It is being held under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (UNCTAD).

Consideration of a proposed inter-governmental body of producers and consumers to monitor the market was shelved last October because of divergence over how much independence the body should have.

Ogden said a buffer of at least one million tons appeared necessary to ensure a reasonable degree of price stability and balanced protection of agreed floor and ceiling prices.

He gave no indication of what these prices should be, but said they should be fixed about 20 per cent above and below a mid-point reference price.

Ogden said the U.S. was against supplementing the buffer stock system with export or production controls on producing states, because these brought with them a wide range of economic, legal, administrative and other problems.

China building five new hotels

HONG KONG, Feb. 28 (R) — China, determined to boost its tourist industry, is building five new hotels with a total of 3,200 beds in different parts of the country, the New China News Agency said Wednesday.

Holland can't stop firms adhering to boycott, says aide

THE HAGUE, Feb. 28 (R) — The Dutch government has limited scope for preventing firms observing the Arab Trade Boycott of Israel. Economic Affairs State Secretary Karel Beyen has said.

"Economic measures taken by one country against another with which it says it is at war are something which a third country must accept, even if it is unwilling to do so," he said in an interview Tuesday.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van der Klaauw in Tel Aviv Monday that Holland should take positive action to stop adherence to the boycott, according to press reports here.

Beyen has special responsibility for exports promotion and made a two-week tour of Arab Gulf states in this capacity.

He said the Dutch government had never given even tacit backing to the boycott, but its scope for action was limited because it was not clear how far the Arab countries' policy contravened Holland's legislation.

Turkey links world peace to fairer economic order

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (R) — Turkish President Fahri Koruturk has said a more just and equitable economic order was required to bring about international stability.

In his belated annual New Year's speech to the diplomatic corps Tuesday, the president said world peace and economic development were indivisible.

"There can be no stability without economic security," Efforts in the fields of defense and disarmament would be insufficient in bringing about a stable international order unless a more just and equitable economic order is secured in the world," he said.

"Otherwise, the socio-political structures considered to be powerful might eventually col-

lapse under the weight and pressure of the socio-economic structures, if the latter were to crumble," the president added.

In a separate development, the Turkish Finance Ministry announced Wednesday that the central bank has asked all private banks to turn over half their foreign currency deposits as a way to help the country meet payments for crucial imports.

Until now private banks turned over only a quarter of their foreign currency incomes and paid for oil, fertilizer and pharmaceutical imports with the rest.

The central bank in future will settle payments for these commodities, the ministry said.

Wheat council to revive talks on new world pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — The International Wheat Council will meet next month in London in an attempt to revive stalled talks to reach a new world wheat agreement, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland has said.

Bergland told a meeting of state governors here Tuesday that talks on an international wheat agreement in Geneva earlier this month failed because of disagreement on the size of a proposed wheat reserve.

Under the proposal, world wheat prices would be stabilized through stocks held by individual states. There was also no agreement on the price levels which would trigger wheat purchases or sales from the reserve.

If the London talks did not prove promising for new negotiations, then the United States would seek to join the other big wheat exporting nations of Canada, Australia and Argentina in a cooperative arrangement, Bergland said.



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 2.4.1999/28.2.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
1	VAN DYCK	ACC	CONTAINERS	28.2.1979
2	IRIS	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
3	KOTA MAWAR	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
4	ILKONPOLY	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
5	TOBIAS MAERSK	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
6	MAX	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
7	RECHPETSCH	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
8	MARGRETHE	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
9	STAR EMERALD	ALSAADA	GENERAL	28.2.1979
10	PATRICIA-M	ALSAADA	GENERAL	28.2.1979
11	NEW EXCELLENCE	ALSAADA	GENERAL	28.2.1979
12	IMPERIAL STAR	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979

2-Recent Arrivals

Vessels	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
1	IMPERIAL STAR	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
2	BRANI INLAND	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
3	BARGE GLOBAL	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
4	VAN DYCK	ACC	CONTAINERS	28.2.1979
5	MARGRETHE	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979
6	MAERSK	KANOU	GENERAL	28.2.1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

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1	AABAR	MIREZA	GENERAL	28.2.1979
2	KOTA SEJAKH	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
3	BARGE	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
4	GREAT	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
5	ALEXANDER	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
6	PANCH JYOTI	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
7	OCEAN EXPLOR	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
8	CHAZA	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
9	SAN PIERO	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
10	HELLENIC	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
11	INNOVATOR	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
12	YATLUN	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
13	CLIMAX	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
14	AMETHYS	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
15	URENFEIS	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979
16	PAC	CEP	GENERAL	28.2.1979

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 29,264

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.80	6.80	6.82
Deutsche Mark	1.82	182.50	183.00
Swiss F	2.01	203.00	203.25
French F	0.79	79.25	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	0.40	4.05	4.05
Lobanese Lira (100)	—	107.50	107.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.75	86.65
Egyptian Pound	—	4.53	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.28
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.30	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	27,200	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,210	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.66	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard	Building of offices, bath-rooms and eating places at the command buildings in Dammam	6-98/99	3000	Mar. 19
Municipality of Medina	Numbering and naming of roads	xx	1000	Mar. 31
Armed Forces	Furniture and office equipment	2	200	Apr. 7
Medical Services	Military requirements	3	100	April 10
Directorate of Education, Jeddah	Repairs to a rural school	xx	100	Mar. 10
Directorate of Education, Jeddah	Building of seven rural schools	98/99	300	Mar. 31
Directorate of Agriculture and Water, Western Province	Drinking water network in Mafura town on Medina highway	xx	1000	Mar. 13
Ministry of Communications	Constructing of a road stretch three kilometers long in Jizan district	xx	2000	Mar. 26
" " " "	Constructing of the north-eastern portion of the Ring Road in Riyadh, together with illumination	xx	5000	April 14



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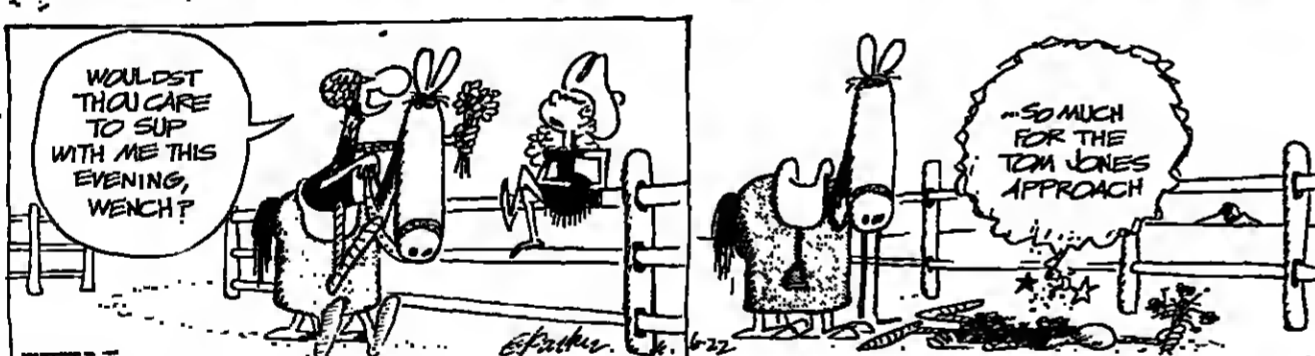
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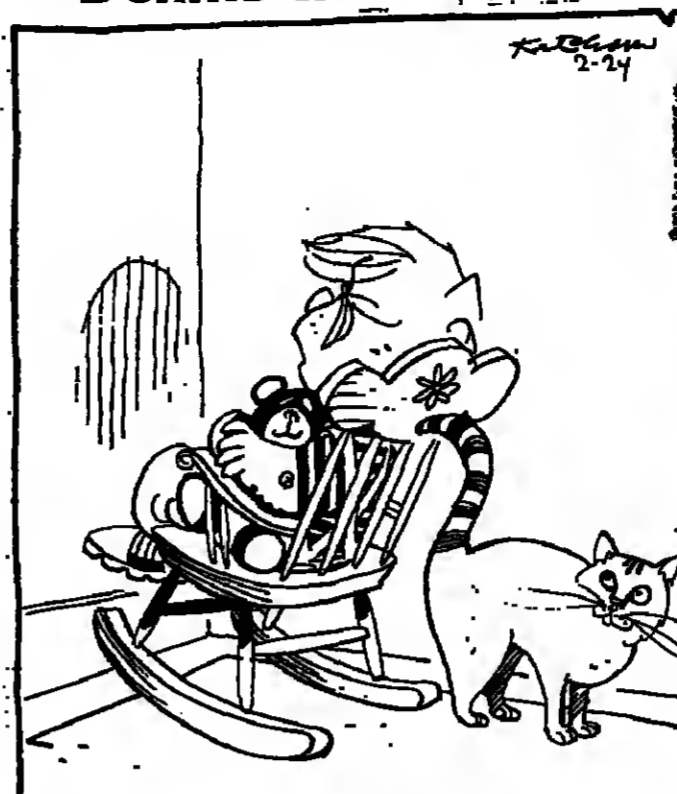
BEETLE BAILEY

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WIZARD



Dennis the Menace



"I THINK I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT... LIFE IS JUST ONE DARNED RE-RUN AFTER ANOTHER."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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- 2 Dr. Brown's dog barks
- 3 Grassland
- 4 Between zeta and theta
- 5 Part of a ham's rig
- 6 Go to
- 7 Witty remark
- 8 "Street Car"
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- 20 Barbecue
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- 23 Lapid
- 24 Decoration
- 25 Young sheep
- 26 Radio
- 27 Word before long or now
- 28 Make threats

DOWN

- 1 "Bambo Eyes"
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- 4 Energy source
- 5 Sea eagle
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- 8 Immediately
- 9 "devoted the hatches"
- 10 Treatise
- 11 Traditions
- 12 Odalisque's place
- 13 Fragment
- 14 Designate
- 15 Unclose
- 16 John
- 17 Fairy
- 18 Missing person since 1980
- 19 Plunder
- 20 Antidote
- 21 Denoting origin
- 22 Wash, legs
- 23 Squirrel
- 24 Monkey
- 25 John
- 26 Bartok
- 27 Fordham
- 28 Suffix
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Yesterday's Answer

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DOWN: 1. "Bambo Eyes", 2. Property, 3. "Can you change -?", 4. Energy source, 5. Sea eagle, 6. Go to, 7. Take one, 8. Immediately, 9. "devoted the hatches", 10. Treatise, 11. Traditions, 12. Odalisque's place, 13. Fragment, 14. Designate, 15. Unclose, 16. John, 17. Fairy, 18. Missing person since 1980, 19. Plunder, 20. Antidote, 21. Denoting origin, 22. Wash, legs, 23. Squirrel, 24. Monkey, 25. John, 26. Bartok, 27. Fordham, 28. Suffix, 29. denoting origin, 30. Wash, legs.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXE
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

LZYB EYWRYS CNA HNA LXNV
VXYA LZSS TEV WYI RNHZZWI
ZH IYGYB QBYU TA NIWVZTB.

— SWBU QXYHVVYBOZYSU
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE ART OF BEING WISE IS THE ART OF KNOWING WHAT TO OVERLOOK.—WILLIAM JAMES

Believe It or Not!

LORA ELIZABETH COOPER
THE DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL AND ELIZABETH COOPER OF KOKOMO, IND. WAS BORN ON JULY 28, 1918 — THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER JOHN HEURDY DOSSETT, WHO HELD THE INFANT IN HIS ARMS.
Submitted by Ralph Cusack
Troy, Ohio

STICKLEBACKS
(Europe) AFTER FIGHTING A TERRITORIAL BATTLE, ALWAYS CHANGE COLOR — THE VICTOR TO BRILLIANT HUES AND THE LOSER TURNING PALE

CLOTHING
WORN BY CHILDREN IN MANY AREAS OF HOLLAND REVEAL MATTER. THEY ARE FROM THE CITY OF COUNTRY AND EVEN THEIR RELIGION.

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

A False Sense of Security

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 4 5
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A J 9 2
♣ J 9 7 6

EAST

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 10 7 8 3
♣ 5

South

♠ A 10 7 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K Q
♣ A K 4 2

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — three of clubs.

The lousy play in bridge is analogous, in a great many ways, to the ancient proverb about marrying in haste and repenting at leisure. Let's assume you're in three notrump and West leads a club. You win in dummy with the six and apparently have nine sure tricks consisting of a spade, a heart, four diamonds and three clubs.

Lured by this false sense of security into thinking that it's all over but the shouting, you try a heart finesse at trick two, losing the queen to the king.

When West now leads the ten of hearts, there is no entry to dummy for the A-J, while if you cash the king and then overtake the queen with the ace, you will make only three diamond tricks unless the ten falls. (In the actual hand it doesn't, so you go down one.)

To make matters worse, you now realize where you went wrong. The funt goes back to trick one, when you won the club lead in dummy with the six. It would have been wiser to win the trick with the ace! You could then play the king of clubs, and, with East showing out, next cash the K-Q of diamonds and lead another club, thus forcing your way into dummy to cash the A-J of diamonds and sew up nine tricks.

Actually, it's clear in retrospect that winning the opening lead with the ace of clubs is correct. All you have to do is stop for a moment to consider the enormous value of the play. But if you play hastily at trick one and win the trick in dummy with the six, you will have lots of time later on to repent at leisure.

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PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhohr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:30	6:48	12:40	4:02	6:28	7:58
Medina	5:33	6:48	12:43	4:02	6:27	7:57
Nejd	5:01	6:20	12:11	3:30	5:56	7:26

DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Tennis	Robert F. Kennedy Memorial
4:08 Sports Special	Celebrity
5:33 Bonanza	USA Vs. USSR Track Meet
6:21 Hardy Boys	Abner Wiltoungby's Return
7:25 Mash	Creatures Who Come On
7:50 Starsky & Hutch	Sunday
8:37 Barney Miller	The Mash Olympics
9:03 Command Performance	Psychic
	Inauguration
	The Ugly American

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Partially hot weather over most regions during the day, but tends to be moderate at night over the northern region. Surface winds to blow mostly southeasterly at moderate to active speed raising dust and sands over the central, eastern and northern regions.

Sea conditions will be moderate to medium in the territorial waters.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in celsius)

Mecca	35	25	Hail	21	13
Jeddah	30	23	Nejran	30	14
Riyadh	32	18	Tabuk	24	06
Dhahran	31	15	Bisha	32	10
Medina	33	20	Yanbu	30	20
Taif	29	17	Abha	24	09

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	01:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOA Magazine:
Opinion: Analyses	America; Science;
8:30 News Summary	Cultural; Letter
8:40 Special English:	11:00 Special English: News
News, Feature, The	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	VOA WORLD REPORT
(Standards)	Midnight
9:30 News Roundup:	12:00 News newsmakers'
Reports: Actualities	voices correspondents
	reports background
	features media com-
	mings news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 "Twenty-Four Hours"	6:00 Radio Newsweek
News Summary	6:15 "Outlook"
8:30 "Sarah Ward"	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsweek	7:15 "Sherlock Holmes"
9:30 "Opera Star"	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 "Books and Writers"
News Summary	8:30 "Take One"
10:30 "Sarah Ward"	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 "Something to Show"	9:00 World News
You	9:09 News about Britain
11:00 World News	9:15 Radio Newsweek
11:09 Reflections	9:30 Farming World
11:15 Piano Style	10:00 Outlook News
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Uster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12:45 The Tony Myan	News Summary
Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1:15 Uster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature
2:00 World News	Notebook
2:09 News about Britain	1:00 World News
2:15 Alphabet of	1:09 World Today
Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newsweek	1:40 Reflections
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2:15 The Face of England
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈

Responsibilities at work or in connection with others are the main accent now. You'd prefer stage center, but remain low-key.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉

The concerns of children and friends pre-occupy you now. Avoid meanness in the late p.m. Instead talk things over with a friend.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20) ♊

A superior may ask you to help out with a request beyond the call of duty. The extra work may interfere with party plans later.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 21) ♋

No sense talking to one who has already made up his mind. Don't let opinionated people dampen your outlook. Avoid mixing business with pleasure.

LEO
(July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌

Financial considerations dominate your outlook now. Old accounts must be settled. Travel plans may have to be postponed.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍

Enlist the aid of close ones

In handling joint responsibilities. Agree on what needs to be done before taking action.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

No, you can't handle everything by yourself, nor can partners solve all your problems. Do accept the help that is offered, though.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏

A situation with a friend reaches a turning point. There seem to be too many responsibilities in connection with work, but persevere.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

Because of duties in connection with home, you might as well invite others over, rather than plan expensive outings.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑

As soon as you solve a problem in one area, another seems to crop up where least expected. Talking things over with close ones provides a safety valve.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒

A stalemate may occur re financial questions. Clear solutions aren't readily available. Save these matters for another day.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓

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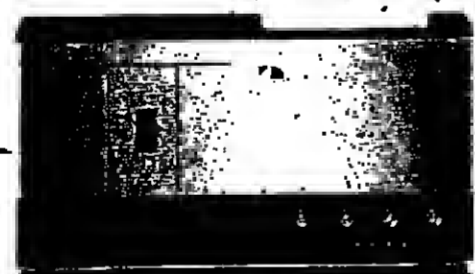
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Hanoi war may escalate; Kremlin warns Chinese

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (R) — The Soviet Union Wednesday warned for the first time that the fighting in Indochina might spread into a wider conflict and demanded an immediate Chinese withdrawal from Vietnam.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," in an article signed "I. Alexandrov" — believed a pseudonym for a high party official — compared Peking's invasion of Vietnam with military action taken by Germany, Japan and Italy which led to World War II.

But "Pravda" gave no new sign of what the Kremlin might do if the Chinese failed to withdraw, apart from repeating pledges that the Soviet Union would fulfill its commitments under a Friendship Treaty signed with Hanoi last year.

A fresh statement of the Soviet position on the conflict is expected on Friday when President Leonid Brezhnev, back in the capital after a winter break of four weeks, is due to speak to Moscow voters.

And Vietnam too, Wednesday demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Chinese troops from its territory, as fighting appeared to be raging in the first major battle in the 12 days of war. The official Radio Hanoi said the war had been started unilaterally by the Chinese so "it is they who must stop it."

"The Peking authorities must stop before it is too late (and) withdraw all aggressive troops occupying Vietnamese territory immediately, totally and unconditionally," it said in

an apparent reply to China's call Tuesday for quick negotiations to end the fighting.

The radio, monitored in Bangkok, said Vietnamese forces had killed or wounded more than 1,600 Chinese Tuesday in northeastern Lang Son Province, where a battle around the provincial capital is believed to be under way.

The radio commentary, rejecting statements from Peking that the Chinese action was limited in time and scope, said the operation was intended to occupy and subjugate Vietnam. It warned that the war was "likely to broaden."

The radio remained silent over the fighting in Lang Son Province, but informed sources in Bangkok said thousands of Vietnamese troops had dug in for the defense of Lang Son town.

The town, which had a population of 46,000 before the Vietnamese were forced to evacuate it after the Chinese assault, is strategically placed at a road and railway junction about 135 kilometers north of Hanoi.

Informed sources in Bangkok said that battle now appeared to be joined for the town.

China Tuesday reported that Vietnamese troops had launched attacks into the Chinese border provinces of Yunnan and Guangxi, but had been repulsed.

The New China News Agency said 68 Vietnamese were killed in three days of fighting around the Ning Ming area of Guangxi, north east of the Friendship Pass.



PRISONERS: Hanoi's Vietnam News Agency released this photo Monday which it says shows Chinese soldiers taken captive being led from the battlefield by Vietnamese troops.—(AP photo)

Cleveland voters okay pay tax

Chicago stalls Daley machine

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP) — Democratic upstart Jane Byrne stunned Mayor Michael Bilandic and the once mighty Chicago party machine with a primary victory Tuesday night, while in Kansas City, Mayor Charles Wheeler lost a bid for an unprecedented third term.

Meanwhile, Cleveland voters gave their financially pressed city a boost by overwhelmingly passing a payroll tax increase. But voters fol-

lowed the recommendations of Mayor Dennis Kucinich and rejected a proposal to sell the city-owned electric utility.

"We are going to get the city working again. We are going to get it moving again," Mrs. Byrne told jubilant supporters late Tuesday.

Mrs. Byrne, a one-time Democratic regular and city official who was fired after criticizing the mayor, capitalized on the city's bitter winter and

its problems to gain support for her effort to unseat Bilandic from the office he inherited from the late Richard Daley.

Wallace Johnson, an investment banker, won the Republican primary over Roy Wadungy, a taxi driver. Mrs. Byrne and Johnson will meet in the general election April 3.

Tallentations from 639 of Cleveland's 645 precincts gave the proposal to increase the city's payroll tax from one per cent to 1.5 a 73,648-24,717 lead. The proposal to sell the municipal electric light system trailed 69,302 to 38,363. Kucinich and many of his political foes supported the tax increase to help the city stay off bankruptcy, but the mayor bitterly opposed selling the utility.

In Kansas City, with all votes in, Bruce Watkins led with 23,853 votes, Richard Berkeley was second with 22,897, Joel Qelofsky was third with 18,870 and Wheeler fourth with 18,536. Watkins and Berkeley will meet in a runoff March 27. If elected, Watkins would become the first black to hold Kansas City's top office.

The dilemma for the prime minister is that if he does not pursue his backing for a Scottish assembly, he may lose the cooperation of the 11 Scottish National Party members who have helped to keep his embattled government in power.

Government may fall on result

Scotland, Wales vote today on home rule

EDINBURGH, Feb. 28 (R) — Scotland and Wales vote Thursday in home rule referendums that could mark the most important constitutional changes in Britain for centuries.

The two countries are being offered the chance of setting up their own assemblies to take over the running of most local affairs from Parliament in London.

Latest opinion polls show that in Scotland, where Nationalists have campaigned for years for complete independence, a slim majority will vote in favor of the limited home rule package. But Wales is expected to say "no."

Critics claim it would lead to federalism in Britain and could eventually provoke the

complete break-up of the United Kingdom.

The results may also pose immediate dangers for the minority Labor government.

The issue has deeply divided political parties, but the campaign has failed to excite many ordinary voters in either Scotland or Wales. The turn-

out will be crucial.

Oponents of the scheme in Parliament altered the legislation, forcing amendments which stipulate that at least 40 per cent of the Scottish electorate — 1.5 million people — must vote "yes" to have an assembly.

Many politicians predict

Duchess of Windsor to be given solid food

PARIS, Feb. 28 (R) The Duchess of Windsor will be given solid food Thursday for the first time since she underwent an operation Saturday, doctors said Wednesday.

The Duchess, the American divorcee for whom Edward VIII gave up the throne in 1936, was being helped to get

out of bed several times a day, said a medical bulletin issued by the American Hospital here.

The Duchess was operated on to remove an abdominal obstruction. She had an excellent night and clinical tests showed her condition was improving.

Army

Arafat was the first foreign leader to visit Iran after the Khomenei's successful toppling of the Shah.

Jordan's minister of state for foreign affairs, Hassan Ibrahim, arrived in Sanaa Wednesday on a mission described as part of an Arab effort to end the fighting. He later left for South Yemen.

Lebanon Wednesday joined other Arab States in appealing to North and South Yemen to cease fire immediately and accept Arab mediation.

An official announcement said the cabinet discussed the conflict and stressed the need

for resolving the crisis in a brotherly spirit and within the framework of Arab solidarity.

President Elias Sarkis had interrupted the weekly cabinet session to receive a South Yemeni envoy who delivered to him a message from President Abdul-Fatah Ismail.

The envoy, Communications Minister Mahmoud Oshaihi, who arrived earlier Wednesday from Abu Dhabi, told reporters the message dealt with "the current developments in both sectors of Yemen."

In Aden, the government warned all powers against interfering in the struggle.

Various Arab governments

have expressed concern about the situation along the Yemeni border and called for an immediate cease-fire.

At the same time two special envoys from Syria and Iraq, Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Jamil Siba and Iraq's Planning Minister Adnan Hussein, also embarked on a mediation mission.

"Our mission is to mediate and stop the fighting and unify Arab efforts to confront the imperialist and Zionist schemes," Siba told newsmen at Baghdad airport Wednesday before the team's departure.

A statement by the North Yemen Foreign Ministry, broadcast by Sanaa Radio later Wednesday, declared that "the unity of the two Yemens is the only way to solve the problems between the two countries."

Iran

Meanwhile in Washington, the State Department said Tuesday Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has met for the first time a representative of Khomenei.

A spokesman said Vance saw Shahrar Rouhani at the State Department Tuesday.

Good Morning The majesty of the Law

By Jihad Al-Khazen

A Lebanese colleague of mine visiting London was involved in a minor car accident. He ended up in court. Despite his familiarity, as a Lebanese journalist, with the wrong end of the law, he admitted that he learned one valuable lesson from his experience: awe of the law is much more important than the law itself.

Standing before judges in robes and white wigs and surrounded by court officials with their gloomy faces scared him stiff.

As the senior editor of a Lebanese paper, he used to stand trial at least once a month. Recently it became once a week. The charges were always the same sort of thing: photographing restricted areas, disclosing military secrets, damaging the morale of the army, slander, and so on.

And every time he escaped with the lightest possible penalty. It never exceeded a fine of LL 1,000 (\$325), or in the most extreme cases, two months in prison later reduced to a LL 2,000 fine. He always knew beforehand that the judges would be merciful, as each one belonged to this faction or that faction which either needed the sympathy of the press or feared its enmity.

He told me that when the civil war broke out, and trials were suspended, he simply started running up offenses that would await their resumption. The least of his transgressions would await their resumption, but for the sake of sensationalism in his paper he took no account of the mounting debit balance against him and printed whatever he wanted.

And now an insignificant accident in London, a bump, no Lebanese would think twice about, involves him in blood tests, alcohol tests, police, the court, witnesses, and judges. He was made to promise, in writing, never to do it again, although he never quite found out exactly what "it" was.

He could not help asking himself whether, if the law in Lebanon had been so awe-inspiring as it is in London, the Lebanese would have come to their present pass.

Perhaps, he thought, the success of the Sharia in fighting crime lay not in its cutting off of hands and heads as much as in the fear it inspires of such things happening.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awan

Archeologist claims find of pre-Pharaonic kings

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP) — A University of Chicago researcher says he has found what may be the first archeological evidence of kings in the Nile Valley, predating the first Pharaohs of Egypt by several hundred years.

Bruce Williams of the University's Oriental Institute said Tuesday that if his findings are confirmed they will considerably change understanding of society and culture in pre-dynastic Egypt.

Williams said he made his find while working last year in the institute's basement with shattered remains of ancient tombs from a cemetery in Quesul on the Nile, at the present-

day boundary of Egypt and Sudan, a region known as Nubia.

The cemetery, dating between 3400 and 3050 B.C., was excavated 15 years ago by Keith Seele, another University of Chicago professor.

Williams said the inhabitants of Nubia at that time were believed to have been loosely organized in tribes or clans.

"But it now appears that the area had a well-organized political system headed by kings about 200 to 300 years earlier than the first Pharaohs, ones we know of direct about 3050 B.C.," said Williams.

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A spokesman said Vance saw Shahrar Rouhani at the State Department Tuesday.

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